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M.W. BRO. MAURICE S. DONOVAN
Grand Master 1946-1947

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. 1947

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

On July 5th, 1946, in the Blue Room of the Masonic Temple, in the City of Winnipeg, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons met in Special Communication for the purpose of installing R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1) as Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was opened at 7.45 p.m. in Ample Form with thirty members present: The Grand Master, M.W. Brother Maurice S. Donovan presiding:

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan (113), Brandon	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130), Winnipeg	as Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Roland	Senior Grand Warden
M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland (12), St. Vital	as Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3), Winnipeg	Grand Director of Ceremonies
R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms (117), Souris	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), Winnipeg	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell (114), Winnipeg	as Junior Grand Deacon
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg	as Senior Grand Steward
R.W. Bro. David Griffiths (138), St. Vital	as Junior Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4), Winnipeg	Grand Tyler

Notice calling this Emergent Meeting of Grand Lodge was read.

Regrets for absence were received from the following:

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker	R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman
M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt	R.W. Bro. David MacKay
M.W. Bro. N. J. Black	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly	R.W. Bro. A. Clark

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, then called upon M.W. Bro. Harry Woods to install R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington as Junior Grand Warden.

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington was presented at the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes and was duly installed in his Office. R.W. Bro. Coddington thanked the brethren for the expression of their confidence in him, and expressed his determination to give his best to the discharge of the important duties and responsibilities pertaining to his office.

The Grand Lodge was then closed at 8.05 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms.



F. I. S. Pitney

Grand Secretary

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. 1947

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

In the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday the fourth day of June, 1947, and within the Oak Room of the Royal Alexandra Hotel, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, met in the Seventy-Second Annual Communication.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at 2.30 p.m. in the afternoon by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice Stanton Donovan. The Invocation was given by M.W. Brother Harry Woods as Acting Grand Chaplain, in the absence of the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Brother Rev. E. A. Syms, who was ill.

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R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Winnipeg	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Winnipeg . . .	Grand Secretary
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), Winnipeg	as Grand Chaplain
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), Winnipeg	Grand Historian
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Bro. A. C. Slessor.....S.W.	W. Bro. T. S. Copland
Bro. H. PurtonJ.W.	W. Bro. W. S. Corbett
	W. Bro. J. R. Gray
	W. Bro. A. Kimberley
	W. Bro. Chas. Ross
	W. Bro. A. Russell
	W. Bro. C. C. J. Sanderson
	W. Bro. W. Speirs
	W. Bro. J. R. Torbet

OPHIR LODGE NO. 112:

W. Bro. E. H. Gretzinger...M.	W. Bro. B. Warkentin
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TWEED LODGE NO. 113:

W. Bro. H. S. Perdue.....M.	M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan
Bro. W. D. Gall.....S.W.	R.W. Bro. H. M. Kerr
	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh

V.W. Bro. R. H. Cross
 W. Bro. E. Braun
 W. Bro. H. M. Gibson
 W. Bro. D. H. Taylor
 W. Bro. F. R. Willmott

"THE ASSINIBOINE" LODGE NO. 114:

W. Bro. Wm. Fraser M.	M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
Bro. D. L. McLean J.W.	R.W. Bro. Wm. McLellan
	R.W. Bro. G. G. White
	V.W. Bro. Alex. Campbell
	V.W. Bro. P. M. Johnston
	W. Bro. W. S. Archibald
	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle
	W. Bro. J. W. Hall
	W. Bro. N. M. Hall
	W. Bro. W. B. Johnston
	W. Bro. H. Y. Knox
	W. Bro. O. E. MacQuoid

RIVERS LODGE NO. 115:

ST. ANDREW'S LODGE No. 116:

W. Bro. H. G. Turner M.	W. Bro. W. A. Mackie
	W. Bro. G. W. Wells

STRATHCONA LODGE No. 117:

W. Bro. R. D. Saunders M.	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
	W. Bro. M. E. Graham
	W. Bro. N. Madsen

MOUND LODGE No. 118:

W. Bro. R. A. Creith M.
Bro. L. R. McKay S.W.

NORWOOD LODGE No. 119:

W. Bro. L. T. Force M.	R.W. Bro. F. W. Goodeve
Bro. E. H. Pascoe S.W.	V.W. Bro. T. G. Beatson
Bro. David Milne J.W.	V.W. Bro. N. McDonald
	V.W. Bro. S. C. Taylor
	W. Bro. W. J. Besant
	W. Bro. J. V. Dillabough
	W. Bro. J. H. Gibson
	W. Bro. L. J. Green
	W. Bro. J. Kellar
	W. Bro. W. A. Kerby
	W. Bro. R. A. MacDonald
	W. Bro. F. McKenzie
	W. Bro. W. M. MacKenzie
	W. Bro. E. P. Parkinson

W. Bro. G. H. Ross
 W. Bro. J. A. Tickner
 W. Bro. A. Tisdale
 W. Bro. J. S. Torell

PENZA LODGE No. 120:

W. Bro. Hector Spence M.
 Bro. J. F. Wallace S.W.
 Bro. R. W. Witty J.W.

R.W. Bro. J. A. McVicar
 W. Bro. A. S. Calder
 W. Bro. W. W. Casson
 W. Bro. H. W. Davison
 W. Bro. A. G. Froom
 W. Bro. J. R. Witty

ST. JAMES LODGE No. 121:

W. Bro. A. R. James M.
 Bro. G. Wilson Rattray S.W.

W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
 W. Bro. Thos. King
 W. Bro. W. S. Marley
 W. Bro. F. W. Piper
 W. Bro. D. Stringer
 W. Bro. J. Wylie

ROBLIN LODGE No. 122:

R.W. Bro. I. L. Mitchell

TRANSCONA LODGE No. 123:

W. Bro. E. A. Badke M.
 Bro. E. E. Buckby S.W.

R.W. Bro. M. MacKay
 W. Bro. J. M. Black
 W. Bro. M. Cochran
 W. Bro. T. D. Conlin
 W. Bro. R. T. Esselmont
 W. Bro. T. R. Evans
 W. Bro. J. Fowles
 W. Bro. L. E. Gendron
 W. Bro. A. W. Harvey
 W. Bro. W. R. Lawrie
 W. Bro. R. J. MacKay
 W. Bro. Jas. Taggart
 W. Bro. H. J. Thompson

THE PAS LODGE No. 124:

W. Bro. A. L. Jacobs M.

R.W. Bro. H. J. Aitchison

PATRICIA LODGE No. 125:

W. Bro. W. Peckover M.

R.W. Bro. L. C. Welsh
 W. Bro. J. L. Hamilton
 W. Bro. P. R. Jeske
 W. Bro. Geo. Wallace

FAVEL LODGE No. 126:

W. Bro. H. Clee M.

W. Bro. J. F. Johnston
 W. Bro. W. C. Watson

EMPIRE LODGE No. 127:

W. Bro. S. McGowan..... M.	R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
Bro. Geo. Smith S.W.	W. Bro. W. Campbell
Bro. J. McGowan..... J.W.	W. Bro. E. Johnston

W. Bro. H. F. Rees
W. Bro. Alex. Sinclair
W. Bro. F. Williamson
W. Bro. J. N. G. Wyatt

VICTORY LODGE No. 128:

W. Bro. W. G. Winslow M.	W. Bro. C. F. Drager
Bro. W. J. Hawkins S.W.	

FORT GARRY LODGE No. 130:

W. Bro. A. C. Fitch..... M.	R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
Bro. L. J. Hogg S.W.	V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon
Bro. Gordon McKenzie J.W.	W. Bro. T. Gilchrist
	W. Bro. J. S. Miller
	W. Bro. W. D. G. Runions
	W. Bro. J. W. Wilson

KILDONAN LODGE No. 131:

W. Bro. E. F. Aldiss..... M.	V.W. Bro. C. J. Nicholson
Bro. P. V. Samson..... S.W.	W. Bro. L. G. Barnes
Bro. D. Carnegie J.W.	W. Bro. A. H. Brotherhood
	W. Bro. T. B. Francis
	W. Bro. Wm. Inglis
	W. Bro. W. R. Morrison
	W. Bro. C. M. Smillie
	W. Bro. W. Thompson

SPRAGUE LODGE No. 132:

W. Bro. W. McCarthy

McCREARY LODGE No. 133:

W. Bro. Joe Allan M.

STONY MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 134:

W. Bro. R. F. Green..... M.	R.W. Bro. W. H. French
Bro. Thos. Hartley S.W.	W. Bro. C. H. W. Elwell
	W. Bro. C. H. French
	W. Bro. H. Lusignon
	W. Bro. F. Pollock
	W. Bro. W. G. Robertson
	W. Bro. R. L. Walker

CAPITOL LODGE No. 136:

Bro. J. P. Edgar J.W.	R.W. Bro. M. H. Garton
	R.W. Bro. G. E. Miles
	W. Bro. J. A. McIlvride

W. Bro. Robt. Mitchell
 W. Bro. S. H. Stevens
 W. Bro. W. H. Webb
 W. Bro. Thos. Wilson

LORD SELKIRK LODGE No. 137:

W. Bro. W. Hutchison M.	R. W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
Bro. T. A. McMaster . . . S.W.	W. Bro. Robt. Aikman
Bro. F. W. Sneesby . . . J.W.	W. Bro. Robt. Bonnett
	W. Bro. R. A. Bruce
	W. Bro. J. Elder
	W. Bro. A. Huddleston
	W. Bro. Wm. A. Sime

WINDSOR LODGE No. 138:

W. Bro. W. E. Munn M.	R. W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
Bro. P. T. Houston . . . S.W.	R. W. Bro. Dave. Griffith
Bro. J. F. Orr J.W.	V. W. Bro. J. B. McClure
	W. Bro. T. C. Forbes
	W. Bro. C. Gamble
	W. Bro. A. J. Horton
	W. Bro. R. McClure

BEAVER LODGE No. 139:

W. Bro. W. F. Mackenzie . . M.	V. W. Bro. W. Lawson
Bro. C. J. Timleck . . . S.W.	V. W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
	W. Bro. F. H. Herbert
	W. Bro. M. MacLean
	W. Bro. John P. Mowat
	W. Bro. A. W. Phelps
	W. Bro. H. S. J. Rogers
	W. Bro. A. Wharton

MERIDIAN LODGE No. 140:

W. Bro. Geo. Kerslake . . . M.	M. W. Bro. John T. B. Boyd
Bro. J. M. Ross S.W.	R. W. Bro. Dave MacKay
Bro. A. C. Cabel J.W.	R. W. Bro. Hugh Mackenzie
	W. Bro. W. D. Harper
	W. Bro. W. G. Kelsey
	W. Bro. Dave King
	W. Bro. A. J. MacIver
	W. Bro. David Milliken
	W. Bro. Jas. Mowat
	W. Bro. M. A. Woods
	W. Bro. A. A. Reid

TUSCAN LODGE No. 141:

W. Bro. N. C. Law M.	R. W. Bro. Harry H. Gray
Bro. H. E. Harris S.W.	V. W. Bro. N. Rothstein
Bro. David Rothstein . . J.W.	W. Bro. T. Crossley
	W. Bro. A. R. Simpson

HARMONY LODGE No. 142:

MT. SINAI LODGE No. 143:

W. Bro. T. J. SerebrinM.	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
Bro. I. ZipurskyS.W.	W. Bro. A. J. Blond
Bro. H. HaidJ.W.	W. Bro. F. B. Dubinsky
	W. Bro. J. Fred
	W. Bro. S. Golden
	W. Bro. H. H. Guttman
	W. Bro. I. Guttman
	W. Bro. Earo Haid
	W. Bro. H. A. Kaplan
	W. Bro. W. Leonoff
	W. Bro. H. J. Nussgart
	W. Bro. M. Rosenstock
	W. Bro. L. A. Seipp
	W. Bro. N. Waldman
	W. Bro. A. E. Weidman

FORT OSBORNE LODGE No. 144:

W. Bro. F. W. WoodwardM.	W. Bro. E. D. Chable
Bro. M. A. McIverS.W.	W. Bro. J. R. Glenn

STURGEON CREEK LODGE No. 145:

W. Bro. A. R. PiperM.	W. Bro. D. A. Best
Bro. N. PearsonS.W.	W. Bro. L. D. Bester
Bro. H. S. SimpsonJ.W.	W. Bro. E. W. Browne
	W. Bro. H. F. Giller
	W. Bro. W. F. Kerby

FIDELITY LODGE No. 146:

W. Bro. W. W. PileM.	R.W. Bro. J. J. Sinclair
	W. Bro. N. B. MacTaggart
	W. Bro. S. C. Swanton
	W. Bro. F. H. Williams

JUBILEE LODGE No. 147:

R.W. Bro. W. J. Brown
W. Bro. H. A. Caughlin

SEVEN OAKS LODGE No. 148:

Bro. Geo. MilneS.W.	W. Bro. S. V. Basley
Bro. W. J. T. PearceJ.W.	W. Bro. A. Collicutt
	W. Bro. Jas. Love
	W. Bro. E. J. Scott
	W. Bro. J. Woodmass

CARTWRIGHT LODGE No. 150:

W. Bro. Cecil I. DayM.

THE DORMER LODGE No. 151:

W. Bro. E. Melhuish M.	R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross
Bro. A. C. Keel J.W.	R.W. Bro. Harry Sherstone
	W. Bro. G. H. Ball
	W. Bro. S. R. Bird
	W. Bro. C. H. Wells

FOXWAREN LODGE No. 152:

Bro. J. M. Murchison . . S.W.
Bro. W. Loughheed . . . J.W.

FLIN FLON LODGE No. 153:

W. Bro. Fraser Cowie M.	V.W. Bro. S. E. T. Dodd
Bro. J. Greenberg S.W.	

PINE FALLS LODGE No. 154:

W. Bro. B. H. Campbell . . . M.	W. Bro. W. B. Dimock
Bro. W. M. Lauchlan . . S.W.	W. Bro. J. J. Jackson
	W. Bro. G. A. Stewart

CARMAN LODGE No. 155:

W. Bro. Louis Sures M.	R.W. Bro. Jos. Millroy
Bro. N. B. Refvik S.W.	W. Bro. G. W. Weaver
	W. Bro. A. E. Shewfelt

MANITOUWAPA LODGE No. 156:

W. Bro. T. Moorbey M.	W. Bro. David Ferguson
	W. Bro. A. J. Walkin

Honorary Members:

M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson
 M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton
 M.W. Bro. Harry W. Gill
 M.W. Bro. Wm. F. Holman
 M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson
 M.W. Bro. George Moore
 M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford
 M.W. Bro. John A. Stormon
 M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz
 M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Tate

Visitors:

M.W. Bro. Theo. N. Engdahl
 M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink
 M.W. Bro. Art. D. Cummings
 M.W. Bro. Carsten L. Jacobson
 R.W. Bro. W. J. Hunter
 R.W. Bro. Wm. B. Congdon
 R.W. Bro. C. S. Elliott

R.W. Bro. C. M. Parker
R.W. Bro. J. B. Tomhave
V.W. Bro. C. N. Norton
W. Bro. G. Stamson
W. Bro. J. J. Ballentine
W. Bro. G. D. Watson

All Master Masons desiring to enter Grand Lodge were then admitted and assigned to special seating accommodation to the rear of the Senior Grand Warden.

ADOPTING REGULATIONS

Moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), that the regulations for conducting the Sessions of Grand Lodge be adopted as printed. Carried.

READING OF MINUTES

Moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly (138), that the Minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, having been printed in the Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed. Carried.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS

The Grand Secretary reported the following nominations had been received for the Grand Lodge Offices, the Board of General Purposes and District Deputy Grand Masters:

Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Windsor Lodge No. 138.

Deputy Grand Master:

R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald, Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

Senior Grand Warden:

Harry Coddington, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Junior Grand Warden:

- R.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole, Assiniboine Lodge No. 7.
- R.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran, Glenwood Lodge No. 27.
- R.W. Bro. Edward J. Smillie, Elgin Lodge No. 86.

Grand Treasurer:

- R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Secretary:

- M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Grand Chaplain:

- R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Strathcona Lodge No. 117.

Grand Historian:

- M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

Grand Director of Ceremonies:

- R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes, Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

Grand Librarian:

- M.W. Bro. George Hunter, Northern Light Lodge No. 10.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

First Masonic District:

- W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue, Ionic Lodge No. 25.
- W. Bro. Frank Davey, King Edward Lodge No. 93.
- W. Bro. John R. Gray, Acacia Lodge No. 111.
- W. Bro. James V. Dillabough, Norwood Lodge No. 119.

Second Masonic District:

- W. Bro. Robert J. Wallace, Gothic Lodge No. 75.

Third Masonic District:

- W. Bro. Jas. H. Hamilton, Glenboro Lodge No. 48.

Fourth Masonic District:

- W. Bro. Henry R. Lawson, Manitou Lodge No. 30.

Fifth Masonic District:

- W. Bro. Edwin H. Clark, Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14.

Sixth Masonic District:

- W. Bro. Harry L. Morrow, Oriental Lodge No. 54.

Seventh Masonic District:

- W. Bro. Jas. W. Broatch, Brandon Lodge No. 19.
- V.W. Bro. Russel J. Timms, Lebanon Lodge No. 43.

Eighth Masonic District:

- W. Bro. Wm. W. Casson, Penza Lodge No. 120.

Ninth Masonic District:

W. Bro. Charles F. Drager, Victory Lodge No. 128.

Tenth Masonic District:

W. Bro. Lewis E. Gendron, Transcona Lodge No. 123.

W. Bro. David Ferguson, Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156.

Twelfth Masonic District:

W. Bro. Wm. F. Kerby, Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145,

Board of General Purposes:

W. Bro. Harry J. Harrod, Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

W. Bro. John W. Tackaberry, St. John's Lodge No. 4.

R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters, Ionic Lodge No. 25.

R.W. Bro. A. E. Thompson, Glenboro Lodge No. 48.

R.W. Bro. John Bate, Killarney Lodge No. 50.

V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe, King Edward Lodge No. 93.

R.W. Bro. Geo. V. Henderson, Strathclair Lodge No. 106.

R.W. Bro. Chas. A. Midwinter, Acacia Lodge No. 111.

R.W. Bro. W. Albert Prugh, Tweed Lodge No. 113.

V.W. Bro. Sydney W. Robertson, Beaver Lodge No. 139.

R.W. Bro. David MacKay, Meridian Lodge No. 140.

R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray, Tuscan Lodge No. 141.

W. Bro. A. E. Weidmann, Mt. Sinai Lodge No. 143.

R.W. Bro. Robert W. Ross, The Dormer Lodge No. 151,

CORRESPONDENCE

Regrets for absence were received from the following brethren:

M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black.

M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins

R.W. Bro. A. E. Syms.

R.W. Bro. O. S. Ross.

W. Bro. A. J. Wright.

Also from:

M.W. Bro. Sam. Harris, Alberta.

M.W. Bro. George F. Ellis, Alberta.

M.W. Bro., K. K. Reid, Grand Master, British Columbia.

M.W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Grand Secretary, British Columbia.

M.W. Bro. S. A. Erickson, Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Vernon Gates, Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. G. H. Nordbye, Minnesota.

M.W. Bro. Mark I. Forkner, North Dakota.

M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, N. Dakota.

M.W. Bro. C. S. Hamilton, Grand Master, Ontario.

R.W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary, Ontario.

R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, Saskatchewan.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

On behalf of the Board of General Purposes I beg to submit the following summary of the business transacted by the Board since the last Regular Communication of Grand Lodge.

MEETING OF JUNE 6th, 1946

32 Members Present

The inaugural meeting of the Board was held immediately after the close of Grand Lodge. By virtue of office, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly became Chairman of the Board, and R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald was elected Vice-chairman.

The following Committee to strike Standing Committees was selected:

M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Chairman

M.W. Bro. S. Burland

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas

M.W. Bro. G. Hunter

M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker

Congratulations were extended to W. Bro. A. E. Boyle on his completion of thirty years continuous service on the Board.

MEETING OF JULY 5th, 1946

24 Members Present

The Vice-president presided. The Committee to strike Standing Committees presented its report. The report was adopted with one amendment.

The matter of paying the expenses of out of town members of the Board when attending meetings of the Board was referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

Sale of Grand Lodge property situated at 299 Waverley street, for the sum of \$9000.00 was authorized.

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20th, 1946

27 Members Present

The President presided. Several Standing Committees presented interim reports.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee authority was given to proceed with the proposed alterations in the Grand Secretary's Office and Store Room.

The Grand Master reviewed the meeting of the Western Conference at Banff on September 5th, 6th and 7th. Besides delegates from the four Western Jurisdictions, visitors from five Grand Jurisdictions in United States, and from Ontario, were present. The Manitoba delegation consisted of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, and the Grand Secretary. Interesting and helpful discussions took place on a number of matters that directly affect the individual Lodges. The papers presented were well prepared, and the topics dealt with were thoroughly discussed. He commended the Conference as being most useful and gave a very favorable report of the delegation from Manitoba.

Commission was received for R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower of Wawanesa Lodge No. 67 as Representative of the United Grand Lodge of Queensland near our Grand Lodge, carrying with it the honorary rank of Senior Grand Warden.

The President was instructed to appoint a committee to review the various forms used by Grand Lodge and report to the Board.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15th, 1946

25 Members Present

The President presided. The Grand Secretary reported that after reviewing the proceedings of the 1946 Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries held at Washington, he felt that the value of this Conference to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was not commensurate with the expense involved in sending delegates.

The Finance Committee reported that the recommendation of Grand Lodge regarding separate bank accounts for the Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund of Grand Lodge was being carried out.

The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Revision informed the Board that the Committee was making a constant study of the Constitution, and asked the members of the Board to send in suggestions that might be considered by the Committee.

The Committee on the Revision of Forms presented its report. With some slight changes revised forms as presented were approved, with the exception of Forms 4a and 5a, which

were referred back to the Committee. Form 21 was referred to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

A request from Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 on the matter of procedure in closing the Lodge where no work was done in the Fellow Craft or Master Mason Degree, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

The matter of a Lodge dispensing with the reading of the minutes in open Lodge, and receiving instead a recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes that they be accepted, was also referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14th, 1947

20 Members Present

The President presided.

This was a special meeting to deal with the matter of the proposed All Canada Conference to be held at Montebello, Quebec.

The Board authorized the attendance of three delegates from Manitoba at this Conference, the expenses of these delegates not to exceed \$500.00. Delegates selected were The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, with the Senior Grand Warden as alternate delegate.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21st, 1947

20 Members Present

The Vice-president presided, and M.W. Bro. H. Woods acted as Secretary.

Forms 4a and 5a which had been referred back to the Committee on Revision of Forms for further consideration were accepted as revised.

It was recommended that a circular letter be sent to all Lodges stating the opinion of the Board that Lodge minutes should be read in open Lodge at the next Regular meeting.

A recommendation from R.W. Bro. Duthie, D.D.G.M., of the the Sixth Masonic District that Kilwinning Lodge No. 110 be granted a Dispensation to occupy their new Lodge Hall permanently was accepted by the Board.

Correspondence concerning the new Lodge Hall of Lansdowne Lodge No. 107 was read, and the D.G.G.M. of the Seventh Masonic District was asked to secure further information.

The Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry recommended:

1. That the sum of \$1,112.00 be budgeted for in the 1947 budgt to pay expenses incurred in attending the four meetings of the Board, of eight elected members and the nine out-of-town D.D.G.M.'s.

2. That the sum of \$500.00 be also budgeted for the use of the Grand Master in paying the expenses of such brethren as he may invite to accompany him on his visits within this Grand Jurisdiction.

These recommendations were approved.

Authority was given to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to execute a transfer of the property at 191 Ethelbert street to the purchaser.

R.W. Bro. McMorran was asked to see that R.W. Bro. Syms, Grand Chaplain, be looked after during the time he was in the hospital for an operation.

MEETING OF FRIDAY, APRIL 18th

32 Members Present

The President presided. Letter from McCreary Lodge No. 133 giving information as to the arrangements for a Loan to the Lodge, and enclosing a rough plan of their new building, was read. The Board approved the arrangements for the Loan, and gave permission to the Lodge to meet in the new Lodge Room for the next three months pending a full report from the D.D.G.M. of the District, and complete information as to the financial set-up.

Request from The Pas Lodge No. 124 to hold a meeting for Masonic purposes at Sherridon was presented. The Grand Secretary was instructed to secure further information as to the building in which the proposed meeting was to be held.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals reported that the proposed Amendments to the Constitution were in order.

Arrangements for the Area meetings as reported by the Committee on Research and Education were approved.

The Committee on Investments reported the purchase of bonds to the amount of \$20,000.00.

The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary gave reports on the All Canada Conference held at

Montebello, Quebec, on February 24th and 25th. Thirty-two delegates were present from all the Grand Jurisdictions of Canada, and from the two District Grand Lodges of Newfoundland. The Conference was called to promote better understanding among the Jurisdictions of British North America, to recognize and discuss common problems, and to help develop a stronger sense of brotherhood among Freemasons of Canada. It did not propose or attempt to legislate or make decisions for any of the Grand Lodges. In the opinion of those who attended, the Conference achieved its purpose. The exchange of ideas, and the friendships formed, will be most valuable. Plans have been made, subject to the approval of the individual Grand Lodges, to hold another such Conference in two year's time.

M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker, Chairman of the War Effort Committee recommended:

"That all monies at the credit of the War Relief Fund be transferred to a special Trust Account in the name of Grand Lodge, to be known as the 'War Relief Trust Fund Account,' and that all necessary steps be taken to bring about the cancellation of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. War Effort Fund," under the War Charities Act. The Recommendation was accepted.

M.W. Bro. G. Hunter spoke of the valuable service rendered to the Board during the last thirteen years by R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green. He moved, seconded by M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, "That under the provisions of the Constitution, Section 55, R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green be recommended to the Grand Lodge for appointment as an honorary member of the Board of General Purposes." This motion was carried with enthusiasm.

Petition for the formation of a new Lodge at the town of Bissett, in proper form, was presented to the Board. The Petition was sponsored by Pine Falls Lodge No. 154. The Lodge would work under the Canadian Rite, meeting on the First Friday of each month. The Petition was recommended for approval by the Grand Master.

Tenders for printing the annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge were referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and action.

MEETING OF JUNE 4th, 1947

The President presided. At this meeting the Board received the reports of the Standing Committees of the Board, and approved them for presentation to Grand Lodge.

Request from Deloraine Lodge No. 40 for approval of the plans for their new Temple, and of arrangements made for a loan of \$5,000.00 was presented. This was accompanied by a statement from the D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District that the building would be suitable for Masonic purposes. The Board granted its approval.

Permission was given to St. John's Lodge No. 4 to sell certain property.

The Board recommended that Grand Lodge authorize the participation of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba in the All Canada Masonic Conference as a permanent member.

The Board approved the appointment by the Grand Master of a Committee to work with the Grand Secretary in editing the new edition of the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

The Board of General Purposes has given careful attention to all business brought before it, and has maintained close oversight of all matters pertaining to the Grand Lodge. The average attendance at all meetings was 26.

Fraternally submitted,

H. B. DONNELLY,
President.

Presented by R.W. Brother H. B. Donnelly (138) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70). Carried.

RESOLUTION RE HONORARY MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES—

R.W. BRO. S. HART GREEN

Moved by R.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly (138), seconded by R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald (70), that, in view of more than ten years of continuous membership on the Board of General Purposes, and in recognition of outstanding service as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals, this Grand Lodge confer on R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green Honorary Membership on our Board of General Purposes.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO R.W. BROTHER HUGH M. KERR

Moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), that this Grand Lodge express its appreciation of the diligent and assiduous work of R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), as Chairman and sole member of the Committee on Correspondence. R.W. Bro. Kerr reviews the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions and presents a most interesting report, which appears in our Proceedings each year. Anyone who reads his report will know that he merits the thanks of this Grand Lodge.

RESOLUTION RE "ALL-CANADA" CONFERENCE

Moved by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93), that the recommendation from the Board of General Purposes, that this Grand Lodge become a permanent member of the All-Canada Conference be approved. Carried.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Herewith, I beg to submit to you the Seventy-Second Annual Report of the Grand Secretary for the year ending March 31st, 1947.

Copies of the Proceedings of the Annual Communication held on June 5th and 6th, 1946, were mailed to the 103 Constituent Lodges, to the members of the Board of General Purposes, and to the Grand Lodges with which we are in fraternal relationships. Many of these Grand Lodges have reciprocated by sending one or more copies of their proceedings to us and these have been suitably acknowledged in each case.

The usual Warning Circulars were prepared and mailed, as were also official Notices found necessary to be sent to the Constituent Lodges during the year.

Certificates for Grand Lodge Officers, Past District Deputy Grand Masters and Master Masons, Life Members and Honorary Members, have been prepared and presented to the appropriate individuals or forwarded to the Lodges concerned.

The half-yearly returns covering the activities of the several Constituent Lodges for the calendar year 1946, were duly received. These were all in the Grand Secretary's office before March 1st, 1947. This is a record in the history of our Grand Lodge and this splendid co-operation on the part of lodge secretaries is greatly appreciated and commended. These returns show a gross increase in membership of 1,145; while losses through demits, suspensions and deaths amounted to 397, making the net gain 748. The following is the summary of membership:

Membership as at January 1st, 1946.....11,050 (11,068)

Additions:

	1944	1945	1946
Initiations	619	699	901
Re-Instated	80	88	74
Affiliations	131	99	170
	<hr/> 830	<hr/> 886	<hr/> 1,145

Removals:

By Demit	116	140	181
By Suspensions—N.P.D.	53	50	27
By Suspensions—U.M.C.	0	0	1
By Deaths	212	184	188
	<hr/> 381	<hr/> 374	<hr/> 397

Net Increase 449 512 748

748

Membership as at December 31st, 1946

11,798

Degrees conferred during the year 1946:

	1944	1945	1946
Entered Apprentice	619	699	901
Fellow-Craft	502	639	940
Master Mason	535	627	869
Totals	<hr/> 1656	<hr/> 1965	<hr/> 2710

In addition to the foregoing, many courtesy degrees were conferred on brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions by our Constituent lodges, as well as degrees by sister jurisdictions on brethren of this jurisdiction. It has been a pleasure to arrange

these courtesies through the Grand Secretaries. Not a Grand Jurisdiction in Canada that is not on our files of correspondence in this connection. We express our thanks for the whole-hearted co-operation of the Grand Secretaries and their various lodges that have been so willing to extend these courtesies.

18 Lodges have errors in their returns of membership.

13 are short a total of 27.

5 are over a total of 8.

82 Lodges have no suspensions as against 78 in 1945 and 77 in 1944.

92 Lodges show an increase in membership as against 82 in 1945 and 79 in 1944.

2 Lodges show no gain in membership as against 6 in 1945 and 8 in 1944.

9 Lodges show increase or decrease in membership as against 15 in 1945 and 17 in 1944.

2 Lodges had no initiations.

Further facts may be gathered from the statistical table issued in the Proceedings of this Communication.

Dispensations (to May 31st, 1947):

The following Dispensations were granted by the Grand Master between April 1, 1946, and March 31, 1947, inclusive:

To hold Joint Installations	3
To attend Divine Service in Regalia	18
To change Lodge Premises	2
To hold special Lodge Meetings	1
To confer degrees within specified time	4
To elect Wardens, Secretaries and Tylers	4
To confer degrees after securing Waivers	8
To hold District Meetings	11
To change place of meeting	7
To hold Emergent Meetings for Election and Installation	6
Dispensations granted	64

The following Dispensations were granted by the Grand Master between April 1, 1947 and June 1, 1947:

To attend Divine Service in Regalia	9
To hold special Lodge Meetings	2
To confer degrees within specified time	1
To confer degrees after securing Waivers	2

To receive new petitions (within constitutional 12 mos.) for initiation	1
For institution of a new Lodge	1
To change place of meeting	2
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Total	18
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Grand Total	82
Approval of by-laws	12

New Lodge Premises:

During the year under review, there has been considerable activity in acquiring new premises for Lodge purposes. The following Lodges have purchased properties and erected Lodges thereon—McCreary and Deloraine; while the following Lodges have acquired buildings and made extensive alterations thereto—Lansdowne Lodge at Griswold; Kilwinning at Minto; while others are making plans for more comfortable quarters. We congratulate these Lodges and extend our best wishes to them.

Nominations by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of Grand Representatives for Sister Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge and confirmation of nominations of Grand Representatives for Manitoba near sister Grand Lodges made by their respective Grand Masters are listed in the Grand Master's report to you.

During the year, the various forms in use throughout this jurisdiction were reviewed by the Board of General Purposes and brought in conformity with the Constitution. Outstanding among the changes was a new Form 42 and Form 42a to replace the old Form 42 for use in making the semi-annual returns. These new forms seem to meet the approval of the Lodge Secretaries.

Your Grand Secretary cannot close this report without recording appreciation of the co-operation of the secretaries of constituent Lodges. For their courtesy and willingness to meet irritating situations, known only to a secretary, and for their understanding patience with the many imperfections of the Grand Secretary, we express our sincere gratitude.

Let no one imagine that perfection has been reached; that is still before us, but we are travelling in that direction. It would be very helpful, in my judgment, to have a conference of all secretaries that we might talk over our responsibilities and problems. Some matters require our immediate attention, and I suggest only a few:

1. In reporting changes in membership in the Lodge, whether additions or removals, the full name should be given,

not initials, and all the other details such as age, residence, occupation, etc. Remember we are making historical records that are more or less permanent.

2. Secretaries should report rejections of petitions for initiation, affiliations or restoration promptly, to the Grand Secretary and to each Lodge in the district.

3. Be careful to follow Section 157 of the Constitution.

4. The attention of all Lodges is directed to Section 143 of the Constitution. Form 4—"Petition for Initiation" has been revised, and must be used by all Lodges. Supplementary information desired from the Petitioner may be recorded as the Lodge may determine.

5. Some consideration has been given to the "Warning Circular." It has been the custom for some time past to issue the list of Rejections, Suspensions and Re-instatements or Restorations in June of each year for the preceding calendar year. This means that the list when issued is at least five months out of date. We suggest that this circular be issued in September in each year, when it would include the various classifications up to June 30th, in the current year.

6. Our fraternity should be a brotherhood. The Constitution is agreed upon by the members of Grand Lodge. Some of its provisions may not be as we would have them, but it is our duty to carry out these decisions. More than half of our irritations are caused by someone who decides to follow his own devices. Let each one of us be loyal to our solemn obligations. Let us get together and work together: after all, that is what makes bricks useful and co-operation, the one with the other—and all of us with each other, will add greatly to the strength of our institution.

The year under review has been a strenuous one. At the end of 1946, Mrs. Ruth Horne, the stenographer, reluctantly left the office. Miss Margaret Anderson, early in the year, was compelled to undergo a serious operation. Her strength is coming back slowly and we hope that she will soon be able to resume her duties with her accustomed efficiency. To others who have done their best to render useful service and to ease the pressure of work, we record our sincerest thanks.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

P. T. PILKEY,
Grand Secretary.

Presented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25) who moved that the Report be received and referred to the Committee

on the Grand Secretary's Report, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (2). Carried.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION TO W. BRO.
CHARLES H. WELLS (151)

The Grand Master requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies to present W. Brother Charles H. Wells in the East. M.W. Bro. Donovan then presented to W. Bro. Wells his Commission as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Colombia, South America, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. W. Bro. Wells accepted the honor with thanks.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Grand Treasurer, begs to submit for your consideration and approval the Statements listed hereunder, dealing with the Accounts relating to the finances of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal period ending March 31st, 1947:

General Fund:

- Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "B"—Income and Expenditures.
- Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
- Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditures.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:

- Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "D"—Income and Expenditures.
- Schedule "3"—Mortgage Loans.

Beneficiary Fund:

- Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "F"—Income and Expenditures
- Schedule "4"—Beneficiary Fund Payments.
- Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The foregoing statements have been audited and found correct and the Auditors' Certificate is attached to the Report.

It is gratifying to report that the finances of Grand Lodge as at March 31st, 1947, are in good condition.

The General Fund which was practically depleted for some years now shows a satisfactory surplus and this has made it possible for the various Committees to carry on extension work

which could not be undertaken before owing to the lack of funds.. It is believed that the programme undertaken during the past year has resulted in substantial benefit to the Masonic Fraternity of this jurisdiction.

The Budget prepared by the Committee on Finance for the ensuing year, based on the requirements submitted by the Standing Committees, estimates that there will be a deficit on next year's operations of \$3,685.00. There are three items in the Budget which account for the deficit, viz:

Printing of "Masonry in Manitoba"	\$ 1,800.00
Travelling Expenses for out of town members to meetings of the Board of General Purposes	1,100.00
Reprinting of Constitution and amendments	1,250.00

A total of \$4,150.00

The first two items appear in the Budget for the first time. The last edition of the Constitution has been exhausted and a reprint is now necessary.

If Income and Expenditures for the coming year approximate the Budget estimates, it will reduce the surplus of the General Fund to \$13,545.00. This, however, will still leave a sufficient surplus to carry out the Extension work now being planned for the future by the Board.

The Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund are both in a healthy condition.

The Investments of Grand Lodge now consist of Dominion, Provincial, and Municipal Bonds, amounting to \$261,000.00. War Saving Certificates, \$480.00 and two mortgages, \$8,250.00, a total of \$269,730.00. All the Real Estate owned by Grand Lodge has now been disposed of, and the mortgages we hold are considered to be sound investments.

Detailed reports presented at this Communication by the Investment Committee and the Beneficiary Fund Committee will give details of these Accounts and further comments in this report would only be repetition and are therefore omitted.

All Bonds owned by Grand Lodge are registered.

It will be noted from the Consolidated Balance Sheet, included in this report, that the Assets now stand at a grand total of \$365,768.41 as at March 31st, 1947, as compared with \$349,768.41 at the end of the last fiscal period, an increase of \$15,898.96.

All property in which Grand Lodge has an insurable interest is covered by insurance.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX BURGESS,
Grand Treasurer.

May 5th, 1947.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and
Members, Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

We desire to report that we have audited the accounts of
the Grand Secretary and Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of
Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1947,
and in connection submit the following Financial Statements.

General Fund:

- Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "B"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
- Schedule "1"—Accounts Receivable.
- Schedule "2"—Details of Miscellaneous Expenditure.

Benevolent Endowment Fund:

- Exhibit "C"—Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "D"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
- Schedule "3"—Statement of Mortgage Loans.

Beneficiary Fund:

- Exhibit "E"—Balance Sheet.
- Exhibit "F"—Statement of Income and Expenditure.
- Schedule "4"—Statement of Beneficiary Fund Payments.

Exhibit "G"—Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Cash in Bank:

The balances at Bank were confirmed by certificates obtained
by us direct from the Bank.

Investments:

The securities representing the investments were inspected
and found in order.

Yours truly,
ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS
Chartered Accountants.

Exhibit "A"

**BALANCE SHEET
GENERAL FUND****As at March 31st, 1947.****ASSETS****Current:**

Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce..	\$16,723.78
Cash in Hand (Petty)	42.13
Accounts Receivable (Per Schedule "1")	462.75
	<u>\$17,228.66</u>

Inventories:

Supplies and Stock	
Valued at	1.00

Equipment:

Furniture and Fixtures	
Regalia	
Library and Fixtures	
Valued at	1.00
	<u>\$17,230.66</u>

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "B")	<u>\$17,230.66</u>
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We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1947, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1947.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., May 5th, 1947.

Exhibit "B"

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND**

For the Year ended March 31st, 1947

INCOME

Dues	\$15,977.15
Initiations	1,808.00
M.M. Certificates	1,741.00
P.M. Certificates	76.00
L.M. Certificates	80.00
Dispensations	29.00
Supplies Sold	668.70
Total Income	\$20,379.85

EXPENDITURE

Salaries	\$5,464.00
Rent	600.00
Postage and Stamp Tax	320.84
Stationery and Office Supplies	623.74
Expense Grand Master	800.00
Expense Grand Secretary	375.15
P.M. Certificates	38.56
M.M. Certificates	94.50
L.M. Certificates	38.56
Committee on Condition of Freemasonry	32.30
Area Meetings	536.14
Library Maintenance	1,469.26
Masonry in Manitoba (paper)	791.47
Insurance	38.51
Insurance (Indemnity)	28.80
Regalia	275.00
Engraving Jewel, P.G.M.	3.55
Unemployment Insurance	35.64
Exchange	23.75
Miscellaneous (Schedule "2")	2,777.08
Total Expenditure	14,366.85
Net Income for Year	\$ 6,013.00
Surplus as at March 31st, 1946	\$11,181.66
Add:	
Reinstatements (re Lauder Lodge)	36.00
	11,217.66
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947	\$17,230.66

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE GENERAL FUND

Schedule "I"

As at March 31st, 1947

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	
		Dr.	Cr.
1.	Prince Rupert	\$ 3.60	
3.	Ancient Landmark	31.25	
4.	St. Johns	5.10	
6.	Emerson	2.80	
7.	Assiniboine	2.70	
10.	Northern Light	10.60	
11.	Gladstone	2.90	
12.	Stonewall	6.20	
14.	Prince of Wales	7.00	
19.	Brandon	6.20	
25.	Ionic	5.50	
27.	Glenwood		4.00
29.	Carberry	2.20	
36.	Doric	9.85	
39.	Birtle	.80	
40.	Deloraine	8.80	
43.	Lebanon	8.30	
50.	Killarney	.60	
52.	Hartney	6.50	
64.	Composite	5.80	
67.	Wawanesa	3.00	
70.	Shiloh	17.25	
71.	Crystal	13.50	
75.	Gothic	2.00	
77.	Napinka		.80
82.	Cypress	100.40	
84.	Hamiota	.80	
86.	Elgin	4.30	
90.	Midlothian	20.00	
92.	Shoal Lake	5.85	
93.	King Edward	7.35	
101.	Binscarth	2.00	
102.	Miniota	2.70	
104.	Reston	3.50	
105.	Prince Arthur	8.00	
106.	Strathclair	4.80	
107.	Lansdowne		16.90
111.	Acacia	3.00	
112.	Ophir	2.20	
113.	Tweed	17.80	
Forward		\$ 345.15	\$21.70

Schedule "1" (contd.)

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
GENERAL FUND

As at March 31st, 1947

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	
		Dr.	Cr.
	Forward	\$ 345.15	\$21.70
118.	Mound	2.75	
119.	Norwood	6.40	
121.	St. James	7.95	
122.	Roblin	5.80	
123.	Transcona	2.90	
126.	Favel	11.60	
128.	Victory	1.45	
130.	Fort Garry	9.40	
131.	Kildonan	8.15	
132.	Sprague .....	.30	
134.	Stony Mountain	12.00	
136.	Capitol .....	.75	
137.	Lord Selkirk	1.05	
138.	Windsor	10.40	
139.	Beaver		1.45
140.	Meridian	6.40	
141.	Tuscan	2.25	
142.	Harmony		2.60
143.	Mt. Sinai	14.00	
144.	Fort Osborne	18.60	
145.	Sturgeon Creek	5.20	
146.	Fidelity	4.50	
148.	Seven Oaks	6.90	
150.	Cartwright	3.80	
151.	The Dormer20	
155.	Carman40	
156.	Manitouwapa20	
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		\$488.50	\$ 25.75
		25.75	
		<hr/>	
		<u>\$462.75</u>	

Schedule "2"

DETAILS OF MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1947

Particulars	Amount
Proceedings	\$ 712.00
Grand Lodge Communication	779.44
Audit	150.00
Telephone and Telegraph	125.10
Travelling (Banff Conference)	313.65
Flowers	26.35
Christmas Cards	45.90
Henderson Directory	26.60
Masonic Relief Association	51.20
Warning Circulars	22.68
List of Lodges	18.84
Safety Deposit Box	15.00
Typewriter Inspection	12.10
Alterations to Office	190.65
Stenographer Masonic Trial	18.00
Certificates of Election	24.84
List of Officers and Committees	29.59
Printing Amendments	83.97
Miscellaneous	131.17
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	\$2,777.08

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

(Winnipeg)

BALANCE SHEET
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND

As at March 31st, 1947

ASSETS

Current:		
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce		\$ 22,781.57
Investments:		
Mortgage Loans	\$ 8,250.00	
	Par Value	
Province of Manitoba Debentures	\$ 49,000.00	
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00	
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00	
Dominion of Canada Bonds	177,000.00	
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00	
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War Saving Certificates	261,000.00	
	480.00	
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		269,730.00
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		<u>\$292,511.57</u>

LIABILITIES

Surplus (Per Exhibit "D") \$292,511.57

\$292,511.57

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1947, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1947.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accountants.

Winnipeg, Man., May 5th, 1947.

Exhibit "D"

**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND**

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1947

INCOME

Life Members Fees	\$ 405.00
Donations—Lodges	2,269.14
Profit on Sale Waverley St.	265.10
Profit on Sale Ethelbert St.	390.48
City of Winnipeg Taxes Refunded	20.15
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	\$ 3,349.87

EXPENDITURE

Exchange	5.45
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Net Income for Year	\$ 3,344.42
Surplus as at March 31st, 1946	\$338,586.75
Deduct:	
Transferred to Beneficiary Fund	49,419.60
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	289,167.15
Surplus as at March 31st, 1947	<hr/>
	\$292,511.57
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Schedule "3"

**STATEMENT OF MORTGAGE LOANS
BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND**

As at March 31st, 1947

	Principal
Loan No. 38	\$ 900.00
Loan No. 39	7,350.00
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	\$8,250.00
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Exhibit "E"

**BALANCE SHEET
BENEFICIARY FUND****As at March 31st, 1947****ASSETS****Current:**

Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce \$ 6,325.14

Investments:

Dominion of Canada Bonds 49,600.00

Surplus as at March 31st, 1947 \$55,925.14

We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., for the year ended March 31st, 1947 and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

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ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS,

Chartered Accounts.

Winnipeg, Man., May 5th, 1947.

Exhibit "F"

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1947

INCOME

Mortgage Interest:

Loan No. 38.	\$ 58.50	
Loan No. 41.	19.99	
Loan No. R.	180.00	
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		\$ 258.49

Interest Bonds and

Debentures \$11,875.00

U.S. Premium Bonds and

Debentures 37.50

11,912.50

Less Accrued Interest

March 31st, 1946 99.12

11,813.38

\$12,071.87

EXPENDITURES

Beneficiary Fund (Per Schedule "4") \$5,545.71

U.S. Tax Deducted (Bond Interest) 20.62

5,566.33

6,505.54

Surplus as- at March 31st, 1946,

Transferred from Benevolent Endowment Fund 49,419.60

Surplus as at March 31st, 1947 \$55,925.14

Schedule "4"

STATEMENT OF BENEFICIARY FUND

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1947

No.	Name of Lodge	On Account of	Amount
1.	Prince Rupert	Miss C. S.	\$ 70.00
1.	Prince Rupert	W. N. L.	80.00
2.	Lisgar	Mrs. F. J.	325.35
3.	Ancient Landmark	Mrs. McC.	185.00
3.	Ancient Landmark	F. M.	305.00
4.	St. John's	Mrs. F. J. B.	125.00
8.	King Solomon	J. H. S.	65.00
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. E. B.	65.18
10.	Northern Light	Mrs. E. M. Q.	65.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. M. McF.	245.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. G. W.	125.00
12.	Stonewall	Mrs. F. S.	185.00
14.	Prince of Wales	H. K.	45.00
24.	Neepawa	Mrs. R. A. T.	185.00
24.	Neepawa	T. T.	155.00
25.	Ionic	Mrs. E. E. D.	185.18
40.	Deloraine	Mrs. G. R. A.	185.00
40.	Deloraine	T. L.	160.00
43.	Lebanon	Mrs. M. J. Y.	305.00
55.	East Star	T. A. A.	75.00
62.	Russell	A. M.	75.00
68.	Vermillion	Mrs. W. H. L.	125.00
74.	Elkhorn	Mrs. N. Y.	305.00
84.	Hamiota	Mrs. I. R.	125.00
90.	Midlothian	Mrs. M. C.	125.00
93.	King Edward	A. F.	45.00
93.	King Edward	Mrs. M. J.	20.00
100.	Robbie Burns	W. E. J. B.	125.00
103.	Crescent	M. G.	60.00
104.	Reston	C. B. B.	185.00
112.	Ophir	Mrs. B. R. T.	305.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. V. H.	125.00
119.	Norwood	Mrs. F. A. McD.	125.00
131.	Kildonan	A. M. R.	80.00
131.	Kildonan	H. B.	305.00
137.	Lord Selkirk	Mrs. G. M.	125.00
143.	Mt. Sinai	Mrs. F. Z.	125.00
153.	Flin Flon	B. H.	30.00

\$5,545.71

Exhibit "G"

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at March 31st, 1947

ASSETS

Current:

Cash in Bank	\$45,830.49
Cash on Hand	42.13
Accounts Receivable	462.75

\$46,335.37

Inventory Supplies and Stock

Valued at	1.00
Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures, Regalia, Library and Fixtures	
Valued at	1.00

Investments:

Mortgage Loans	\$ 8,250.00
Province of Manitoba Debentures	49,000.00
Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures	16,000.00
Province of Saskatchewan Debentures	11,000.00
Dominion of Canada Bonds	226,600.00
Canadian National Railway Bonds	8,000.00
War Saving Certificates	480.00
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	319,330.00
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	<u><u>\$365,667.37</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Surplus	<u><u>\$365,667.37</u></u>
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We have audited the accounts of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M. for the year ended March 31st, 1947, and we have obtained all the information and explanations required.

After due consideration we have formed an independent opinion as to the position of the Corporation.

In our opinion, so formed, and to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, we certify that the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up and sets forth fairly and

truly the state of the affairs of the Corporation as at March 31st, 1947.

All transactions of the Corporation that have come within our notice have been within the objects and powers of the Corporation to the best of our information and belief.

ARMSTRONG, ABBOTT & WILLIAMS,
Chartered Accounts.

Winnipeg, Man., May 5th, 1947.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3) who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1). Carried.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE MASONIC DISTRICTS

Moved by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), seconded by R.W. Bro. A. E. Thompson (48), and carried:

"That the Eleven Masonic Districts, as at present constituted, remain so for the ensuing year; and that Lodge No. 124 at The Pas, and Lodge No. 153 at Flin Flon, remain under the supervision of the M.W. the Grand Master, and further, that the new Lodge 'Rice Lake, U.D.' also be placed under the supervision of the Grand Master."

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, made announcements regarding the reception of the Distinguished Guests, and also in connection with the reception of the Grand Representatives.

ADJOURNMENT

The M.W. the Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 3.55 p.m., to reconvene at 8.00 p.m. for the Evening Session.

Evening Session

Wednesday, June 4th, 1947

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, and the Past Grand Masters entered the Lodge Room in procession, the brethren singing the Processional Hymn, "Unto the Hills around do I lift up, My longing eyes."

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies was then directed to retire and escort our Distinguished visitors, together with their sponsors into Grand Lodge:

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following Distinguished Guests were presented at the Altar:

Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

M.W. Bro. Carsten L. Jacobson, Grand Master
M.W. Bro. W. F. Holman, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Louis H. Colson, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Wm. P. Sturtz, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Ralph W. Stanford, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Chauncey C. Colton, P.G.M.
M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, P.G.M.
R.W. Bro. John B. Tomhave, S.G.W.
R.W. Bro. George Stamson
V.W. Bro. Walter B. Congdon, S.G.D.
V.W. Bro. Clinton M. Norton
Presented by M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of North Dakota:

M.W. Bro. John Stormon, Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Charles Pollock, P.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Harry Gill, P.G.M.

R.W. Bro. W. J. Hunter, S.G.W.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of South Dakota:

M.W. Bro. Theodore N. Engdahl, P.G.M.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

R.W. Bro. Charles S. Elliott, Grand Historian

Presented by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:

M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tait, P.G.M.

Presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of Alberta:

R.W. Bro. Arthur Cumming, S.G.W.

M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, P.G.M.

The Grand Lodge extended Grand Honors to our Distinguished Guests under the direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies; the Grand Master then, in a few well chosen remarks, extended a very cordial invitation to each of the distinguished guests and requested the Most Worshipful Brethren who introduced them to conduct them to seats in the Grand East.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF
OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS NEAR THIS
GRAND LODGE

The M.W., the Grand Master, then requested the Grand Director of Ceremonies, to retire and escort the Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions into Grand Lodge.

The following were introduced by V.W. Brother Sydney Foreman and presented themselves at the Altar, under the sign of Fidelity, which was acknowledged by the Grand Master. The following were announced:

Alberta	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
Alpina	V.W. Bro. W. C. Birt
Arkansas	V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe
British Columbia	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
Canada (In Ontario)	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
Colombia	W. Bro. Chas. H. Wells
Cuba	W. Bro. J. Morgan Davies
Delaware	V.W. Bro. H. A. Adair
Denmark	M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni
District of Columbia	R.W. Bro. A. H. Steventon
Ecuador	V.W. Bro. S. W. Robertson
Egypt	R.W. Bro. Edward T. Hardman
England	M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major
Florida	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
Georgia	R.W. Bro. Wm. A. Prugh
Guatemala	R.W. Bro. E. J. Smillie
Honduras	R.W. Bro. A. G. Cowan
Idaho	W. Bro. David Best
Indiana	W. Bro. R. E. Emmett
Ireland	M.W. Bro. J. T. Boyd
Kentucky	R.W. Bro. W. McLellan
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole
Maine	R.W. Bro. W. D. Harper
Maryland	W. Bro. D. Ferguson
Massachusetts	R.W. Bro. Hugh. A. Innes
Mexico	R.W. Bro. M. A. Nitikman
Minnesota	M.W. Bro. B. C. Parker
Mississippi	M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey
Missouri	R.W. Bro. Maris. H. Garton
Montana	R.W. Bro. M. S. Watson
Nevada	R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington
New Brunswick	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
New Hampshire	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
New Jersey	V.W. Bro. W. G. Corbett
New Mexico	R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly
New South Wales	M.W. Bro. James Mackie
New Zealand	M.W. Bro. S. Burland
North Carolina	R.W. Bro. R. Peel
North Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. F. Dart
Norway	R.W. Bro. J. P. MacKinnon
Nova Scotia	M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods
Ohio	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

Oregon	M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. John Livesey
Puerto Rico	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
Quebec	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
Queensland	R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower
Rio de Janeiro	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald
Santa Domingo	R.W. Bro. William G. Shaw
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. A. Burgess
Scotland	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas
South Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. Wardrope
Tasmania	V.W. Bro. T. Dodsworth
Utah	R.W. Bro. D. MacDonald
Vermont	R.W. Bro. F. K. Purdie
Victoria	W. Bro. R. M. Snider
Virginia	M.W. Bro. Harry Woods
Washington	R.W. Bro. G. R. Mackay
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. D. Griffith
Wisconsin	W. Bro. N. M. Hall

Most Worshipful Brother John T. Boyd (140), the Grand Representative of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on behalf of the Sister Grand Lodges represented, in a brief address offered most hearty felicitations, and cordial greetings to the Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. The Grand Representatives were accorded Grand Honors led by the Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The M.W. the Grand Master, expressed his pleasure at the presence of so many distinguished guests, thanked them for their greetings, and through them to the Grand Lodges they had the honor to represent, near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. M.W. Brother Donovan, further expressed the hope that each one would communicate with his respective Grand Lodges, reciprocating the good wishes and greetings they had extended.

REGRETS FOR UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE

South Carolina	R.W. Bro. C. R. Sayer
Chile	M.W. Bro. Norman J. Black

FLAG CEREMONY

Under the direction of V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4).

R.W. Bro. Capt. David MacKay (140), of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Union Jack.

Bro. Capt Sam. Gee (140), of the Cameron Highlanders, bearing the Stars and Stripes.

The brethren sang one verse each of

“God Save the King”

and

“The Star Spangled Banner.”

Prayer was offered by the Acting Grand Chaplain, and the flags were placed in the Grand East.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

My Brethren:

We extend a sincere and cordial welcome to all who gather here for this seventy-second Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, and we give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the favours he has bestowed upon us during the past twelve months.

One year ago you placed me in this office which was the highest honour in your power to give. I now express to you all, my sincere thanks and appreciation for the privilege of serving as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge during these twelve months. It has been a full and busy year and yet there seems to be so much more that might have been done. I have endeavoured to accept all invitations to visit Lodges throughout the Province but was hindered in this work by the weatherman making the roads impassible during the greater part of the Winter. It has been my pleasure though, to visit many Lodges and enjoy the friendship

shown by the Brethren. To many Brethren, I owe a debt of gratitude for their assistance during the year. They gave of their time to accompany me and saw to it that I was provided with transportation. Particular mention is due to the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain, and R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr for the untiring and wholehearted support which they have given to me all through the year.

NECROLOGY

During the past year many of our Brethren, their work being finished, have laid down their tools and have ascended to the Grand Lodge above.

Sister Jurisdictions:

March 17, 1946—Charles S. Percival, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Iowa.

April 18, 1946—Frank William Rash, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

July 20, 1946—Francis D. Jones, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Montana.

July 31, 1946—Albert Edward Ottewell, D.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

August 19, 1946—William A. Fairweather, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Washington.

September 21, 1946—Robert A. Carson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

October 24, 1946—Fordyce L. Van Hoesen, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Iowa.

November 9, 1946—George Duffy, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware.

January 4, 1947—John Andrew, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Colorado.

January 6, 1947—Thomas E. English, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

January 12, 1947—Howell E. Jackson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

January 23, 1947—John J. Sweeney, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Arizona.

January 25, 1947—Frank Hargreaves, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Texas.

January 25, 1947—Byron S. Defenback, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Idaho.

February 3, 1947—Cyrus N. Blanchard, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Maine.

February 6, 1947—Oscar P. Spiegel, P.G. Chaplain, Grand Lodge of Alabama.

February 24, 1947—Edward T. Bishop, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

February 28, 1947—Leon Samuel Hass, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Louisiana.

March 21, 1947—Thomas Lindsay, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nevada.

March 23, 1947—Clarence A. Short, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Our Own Jurisdiction:

March 12, 1946—William A. Piper, Hon. D.D.G.M., 1945.

March 20, 1946—Thomas Stockdale, D.D.G.M., 1931.

June 11, 1946—Charles Wilson, D.D.G.M., 1913.

June 24, 1946—James W. Guthrie, D.D.G.M., 1922.

For these and the 186 other Brethren may we say with Rudyard Kipling:

“When earth’s last picture is painted
And the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded,
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith we shall need it—
Lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all good Workmen
Shall call us to work anew.

When only the Master shall praise us,
And only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and
No one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of working,
And each in his separate star,
Shall draw the things as he sees it
For the God of Things as They are.”

OFFICIAL VISITS

Sister Grand Jurisdictions:

June 12-13—The Grand Lodge of Alberta, accompanied by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary, who delivered the address at the banquet. Was honored by being made a Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alberta.

June 12-20—Represented at the Grand Lodge of British Columbia by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary.

June 12-20—The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, accompanied by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master, we were honored by being made Past Grand Master and Past Deputy Grand Master respectively, of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

June—Represented at the Grand Lodge of North Dakota by R.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Senior Grand Warden.

January 12-18, 1947—The Grand Lodge of Minnesota in Company with an excellent delegation of Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Within Our Own Jurisdiction:

(a) District Meetings:

July 26th—Third Masonic District at Treherne.

July 31st—Fifth Masonic District at Russell.

September 19th—Tenth Masonic District at Stonewall.

October 2nd—Second Masonic District at Carberry.

October 3rd—Ninth Masonic District at Grandview.

October 17th—Eighth Masonic District at Carman.

October 22nd—Sixth Masonic District at Hartney.

October 23rd—Fourth Masonic District at Boissevain.

October 24th—Seventh Masonic District at Oak Lake.

October 29th—First Masonic District at Winnipeg.

January 31st, 1947—Twelfth Masonic District at Winnipeg.

(b) Regional Meetings:

May 8th—Portage la Prairie—184 present.

May 9th—Swan River—108 present.

May 14th—Shoal Lake—135 present.

May 15th—Reston—185 present.

(c) Lodge Visits:

June 10th—Represented at Holland Lodge No. 63, by
R.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Senior Grand Warden.

July 8th—Kilwinning Lodge No. 110, Minto—opening
of New Hall.

July 11th—Reston Lodge No. 104—Fortieth Annivers-
ary.

August 27th—Doric Lodge No. 36—Boissevain with
Tweed Lodge No. 113.

September 10th—Flin Flon Lodge No. 153—Took part
in the Ceremony of burning the mortgage on the
Temple.

September 12th—Emerson Lodge No. 6—Seventieth
Anniversary with St. John's Lodge No. 4.

September 24th—Hartney Lodge No. 52—Fifty-fifth
Anniversary, M.W. Bro. John A. Stormon, Grand
Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, was
also present.

November 5th—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114—
"Canadian Night."

November 7th—Neepawa Lodge No. 24.

December 17th—Tweed Lodge No. 113—Past Master's
Night, Grand Master presided.

December 19th—Composite Lodge No 64 Alexander—
Took part in Installation Ceremony.

December 27th—Joint Meeting Brandon Lodge No. 19
and Tweed Lodge No. 113—Installed Officers.

February 18th, 1947—Tweed Lodge No. 113—Brandon.

March 19th—King Edward Lodge No. 93—Winnipeg,
"Irish Night."

March 24th—Windsor Lodge No. 138—St. Vital,
Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

March 25th—Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1—Winnipeg.
March 26th—Lansdowne Lodge No. 107—Griswold.
April 2nd—St. John's Lodge No. 4—Winnipeg.
April 10th—Oak Lake Lodge No. 44—Oak Lake.
April 28th—Wawanesa Lodge No. 67—Wawanesa.
April 29th—Strathcona Lodge No. 117—Belmont.
May 6th—Hartney Lodge No. 52—Hartney.
May 13th—Brandon Lodge No. 19—Brandon.
May 16th—Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14—Minnedosa.
May 20th—Beaver Lodge No. 139—Winnipeg, Twenty-fifth Anniversary.
May 22nd—Mount Sinai Lodge No. 143—Winnipeg.
May 26th—Rivers Lodge No. 115—Rivers.
May 27th—Elkhorn Lodge No. 74—Elkhorn.
May 29th—Union Lodge No. 108—Brookdale.
May 31st—Ionic Lodge No. 25—Winnipeg, on the occasion of a visit from Ionic Lodge 186, Duluth.
June 3rd—"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114—Winnipeg.

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

In addition to regular lodge meetings, it has been my pleasure to join with the brethren on special occasions:

June 23rd—Glenwood Lodge No. 27, Souris—Divine Service, The Grand Chaplain preaching.
July 28th—International picnic—Masonic Island, North Dakota—addressed the gathering.
September 20th—Met with District Deputy Grand Masters—Winnipeg.
November 20th—Ionic Lodge No. 25—"At Home."
November 22nd—St. John's Lodge No. 4—"At Home."
May 19th, 1947—Fidelity Lodge No. 146—Social Evening.
May 25th, 1947—Seventh Masonic District—Divine Service at Oak Lake—The Grand Chaplain preaching.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I would like to impress on every member in this Grand Jurisdiction, the importance of the District Meetings. I was privileged to attend all eleven meetings, and we had some good meetings and some that were not so good. In some Districts the members of the individual Lodges appeared to grasp the significance and purpose of a District Meeting and so came prepared to give and receive all helpful information and suggestions that would benefit the District as a whole. They were interested and alive to their needs and responsibilities and the reports given by Lodges reflected this attitude. In other Districts we found just the opposite. The members of the District had very little to offer and appeared to expect the Grand Lodge Officers to put on a programme for them both afternoon and evening.

It was our plan, and so announced during the past year, that the District should be responsible for the afternoon programmes. In some Districts nothing was left undone to make it a success. In others nothing was done except that the members turned up expecting something to be provided for them. Brethren, if our Order is to thrive and flourish, we must develop leadership throughout the various Districts and in the individual Lodges, so that the work may progress as a harmonious whole, each unit being able and willing to carry its share of the load. Where there is leadership the Lodges are thriving, and where there is lack of leadership there is a dirth of petitioners even in these times of plenty.

A district meeting is a gathering of the Lodge members of an organized Masonic District and should be a convocation for the mutual benefit of the Lodges having membership in that District. It should be a meeting where Lodge activities are discussed and where, if a Lodge has problems, they may be discussed and receive the benefit and experience of other Lodges in solving them. Leadership is an essential requirement for such a meeting and the District Deputy Grand Master is the one expected to give that leadership. If he does not take his duties seriously and prepare himself to organize and lead his District, he cannot expect anything

but failure and to that extent injure the cause of Masonry in the Province. See to it then, that when a District Grand Master is being selected that he is one able and willing to lead and organize his District so that when the Annual District Meeting is held it will be a District Meeting in all aspects of the term and not merely a gathering of brethren expecting to be entertained by visiting Grand Lodge Officers.

Area or Regional meetings on the other hand have been organized during the past three years for the purpose of bringing Grand Lodge Officers into contact with as many Lodges as possible throughout the Jurisdiction. The programmes at these meetings have been arranged by the Committee on Masonic Research and Education and the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. At these meetings Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Chairmen expect to take the lead and be responsible for the programme. Indications are that these meetings have been a real benefit to the members attending and it is to be hoped that this good work may continue with ever increasing benefit to all.

I would like just here, to make special mention of the Lodges at Flin Flon and The Pas. It may not be generally realized that these two Lodges do not belong to any Masonic District but come under the personal supervision of the Grand Master. Their geographic location is such that it is not practical to have them included in any District, and therefore, they do not benefit by visits from a District Deputy Grand Master, nor do they have the pleasure and fellowship derived from interlodge visits. They are, however, in themselves each a "going concern" and it is one of the special pleasures of each Grand Master to visit these Lodges in Northern Manitoba. The fact that they are isolated from sister Lodges does not in any way hamper their Masonic interest and enthusiasm. When the Grand Master's party arrives the "Masonic Town" is at the station to greet them, and they are taken in charge from that moment until leaving time. If any of you brethren from the more easily accessible Districts wish to see Masonry in action I suggest that you arrange a holiday trip to visit your brethren in the North.

It was my pleasure and privilege last September to assist in burning the mortgage on the Temple at Flin Flon.

For the past six or seven years a conference of the Officers of the four Western Grand Lodges has been held at Banff. Last September this Grand Jurisdiction was represented by your Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Grand Secretary, the three latter officers taking a prominent part in the conference and contributing materially to its success. This was an outstanding Conference and has been dealt with more fully in the report of the Board of General Purposes.

An All-Canada get together of Grand Lodge Officers, held in February of this year was something new in Canadian Masonry and was a very much worthwhile Conference. There were thirty-one representatives including, each Grand Jurisdiction from British Columbia on the West to Newfoundland on the East. The report of the Board of General Purposes has also dealt with this Conference and you have expressed your approval in establishing an All-Canada Conference to meet at specified periods in the future.

FIFTY YEAR JEWELS

Fifty year Jewels were presented to the following Veterans of the Craft:

Bro. William John Sanders—Killarney Lodge No. 50.

Bro. Angus McQueen—Killarney Lodge No. 50.

Bro. Samuel J. Elkin—Emerson Lodge No. 6.

V.W. Bro. William R. Smith—Ionic Lodge No. 25.

Bro. Henry W. White—Shiloh Lodge No. 70.

V.W. Bro. Arthur Chapman—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

W. Bro. Arthur Birtles—Composite Lodge No. 64.

Bro. John Leitch—Composite Lodge No. 64.

Bro. William N. Brown—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

V.W. Bro. W. M. Bentley—Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3.

W. Bro. Edwin R. A. Stevenson—Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

Presented at Grand Lodge:

R.W. Bro. Fred Ford—Deloraine Lodge No. 40.

V.W. Bro.—Henry L. Deakin—Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1.

R.W. Bro. George Camsell—Gothic Lodge No. 75.

BENEVOLENT FUND

Following the practice established by some of my predecessors, I sent out a letter to all constituent Lodges, asking them to remember the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund when making their Christmas Donations. The response was very gratifying and the thanks of the Committee in charge of this fund is due to those Lodges and individuals who so generously contributed.

DISPENSATIONS

The list of dispensations granted by the authority of the Grand Master (55 in all) during the year will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I must draw to your attention again the fact that a Grand Master cannot grant dispensations contrary to the constitution or the by-laws of a Lodge. During the year a number of requests were received for a dispensation to postpone the regular Lodge meeting because it fell on a holiday. Lodges running into this difficulty should have their by-laws amended to provide for such an emergency and not ask the Grand Master to break the Constitution that he has pledged himself to uphold.

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

W. Bro. J. Gard Duncan—Near the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma.

R.W. Bro. A. T. K. Troedsson—Near the Grand Lodge of Denmark.

I am pleased to make the following nominations near the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Representing the Grand Lodge of Nevada, Vice R.W. Bro. T. A. Argue—Deceased.

R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh, Representing the Grand Lodge of Georgia, Vice R.W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell—Deceased.

R.W. Bro. Walter McDonald, Representing the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, Vice R.W. Bro. H. T. Trethewey—Deceased.

R.W. Bro. John Livesey, Representing the Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands, Vice R.W. Bro. J. S. Miller—Deceased.

MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Grand Secretary's report will show a considerable increase in membership during the past year. We have also to report that a number of Lodges throughout the Province have provided themselves with new meeting places, which is a splendid sign of prosperity and shows interest in the future welfare of the Lodges.

We have also to report the formation of a new Lodge at Bissett, in the Rice Lake Mining District, and extend our congratulations and best wishes to these brethren.

These gains and improvements are certainly very gratifying, and it is a pleasure to be able to report them, but on our visits about the Jurisdiction we were often faced with this statement,—new members are being brought into our Lodge and they attended a few meetings then they seem to lose interest. It is the old story that we are so busy making members that we do not take time to make Masons out of them and we are reminded of the lines written by Edwin Markham:

"We are all blind until we see,
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.

Why build those cities glorious,
If man unbuilt goes?
In vain we build the work unless
The builder also grows."

Then Brethren, let us remember that wherever we are and whatever we do, His all-seeing eye beholds us and if we act towards each other as true and faithful Craftsmen, the making of Masons and the building of the Fraternity will be a steady progress of growth as symbolized by the spreading Oak.

It would be remiss on my part to close without putting on record my sincere appreciation and thanks for the kind services of all those who have been associated with me during my term of office. Many Brethren have spent valuable time to accompany me on my various visits, and their friendship and good counsel have been a great inspiration to me. The Grand Lodge Officers and the members of the Board of General Purposes have been most helpful at all times and have formed columns of strength and support in all the many departments of the work.

It has been a great privilege to have had the honour of serving this Grand Jurisdiction and I shall always treasure the many friendships I have made during my term as your Grand Master. Now, as the term is about to close, I bespeak for my successor the same helpful co-operation that you have given to me, and may the blessings of the Most High prosper our united endeavours to build a greater and nobler fraternity.

M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10) expressed the thanks of the Brethren at the very fine, concise Address given by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, seconded by M.W. Bro. Stanley H. Fahrni (11), and it was moved that the Address be referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address. Carried.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The following Amendments to the Constitution were taken up at this point:

NOTICE OF MOTION

1. In accordance with the Notice of Motion R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138) moved:

"That all of section 41 of the Constitution, except the last sentence be deleted and replaced by the following:

"The District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year in each Masonic District, shall be chosen at the Annual District Meeting from among the eligible Past Masters of the District. All Masons of the District in good standing shall be entitled to vote. The Brother chosen shall be declared elected at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge when the choice is confirmed by the Grand Master elect."

This motion was seconded by W. Bro. Paul Jeske (125), and after some discussion, the Motion was put to Grand Lodge and defeated.

NOTICE OF MOTION

2. In accordance with the Notice of Motion, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4) moved:

"That Section 138 of the 1944 edition of the Constitution (page 66) under the heading 'Lodge Jurisdiction' be amended by adding, after the word 'member' in the second line, the words 'who is a Master Mason'."

This motion was seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93) and after discussion, the vote was called for and lost.

NOTICE OF MOTION

3. The following Notice of Motion was forwarded to the Grand Secretary by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), but withdrawn by Bro. Bannerman, with the approval of the Board of General Purposes, that further consideration may be given to it:

"That Section 38 of the Constitution be enlarged to include sub-section 3, which will read as follows:

"That two ballots be used, one of which shall be for the election of members whose respective residences are in that part of the Province of Manitoba, outside of Greater Winnipeg, and the other for the election of members whose respective residences are in Greater Winnipeg, with equal numbers being elected in any one year from the two above outlined territories.'"

At this point in the proceedings, the Brethren were favored with a Solo by Bro. W. Davidson Thomson, which was greatly enjoyed.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-YEAR JEWELS

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan made a presentation of Fifty-year Jewels to R.W. Bro. Fred. Ford of Deloraine Lodge No. 40, R.W. Bro. George Camsell of Northern Light Lodge No. 10 and V.W. Bro. Henry L. Deakin of Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1. The Grand Master congratulated these brethren on having had the privilege of serving the Craft faithfully and well during the past fifty years, and wished them many more years of service to Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The M.W. Grand Master drew the attention of all the members of the Masonic Districts numbers two to ten, to their programmes where the time and place of each District Meeting was given.

ADJOURNMENT

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called Grand Lodge from Labor to Refreshment at 10.30 p.m. until 10.30 tomorrow, Thursday, June 5th, 1947.

Second Day

Thursday, June 5th, 1947

Morning Session

The Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 10.30 a.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

To The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals begs to report as follows.

Four proposed amendments to the Constitution of Grand Lodge were received for consideration by your Committee, being amendments to Section 41; to Sections 54 and 30; to Section 138 and to Sections 125 and 125A.

Your Committee finds that the amendments to Section 41, to Sections 54 and 30 and to Section 138 have been properly introduced in accordance with the Constitution of Grand Lodge, are in order for presentation to Grand Lodge and are within the powers of Grand Lodge under its Act of Incorporation and amending Act, and its Constitution.

Your Committee finds that the amendments to Sections 125 and 125A were not received by the Grand Secretary within the time limit prescribed by the Constitution. and, therefore, are not in order to be considered at this communication of Grand Lodge.

A Notice of Motion from Assiniboine Lodge No. 7 concerning Section 119 of the Constitution was referred by your Committee for the consideration of the Custodians of "The Work."

Your Committee was asked to consider the By-Laws of Meridian Lodge No. 140, which did not provide for the reading of the Minutes of the last regular Meeting of the Lodge and subsequent emergent meetings at the next Lodge Meeting. Your Committee, after delving into all the Masonic Encyclopedia available, reported that it was proper procedure for all Minutes of Lodge Meetings to be read at the next regular Meeting of the Lodge.

A Notice of Motion for an amendment to the By-Laws of Ionic Lodge No. 25 providing for a reduction in dues if paid before June 30th was submitted to your Committee, and your Committee reported that in its opinion the annual dues should be one set amount and that it was bad Masonic precedent to provide for the reduction for prompt payment, although possibly not contrary to the Constitution.

Your Committee was asked to give its opinion as to whether a Lodge could hold more than one emergent meeting on the one day, each for conferring degrees. As Section 180 of the Constitution provides,—“A lodge may confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on not more than five candidates at one meeting,” your Committee was of the opinion that while the Constitution did not specifically prevent a lodge holding two meetings in one day, for the purpose of conferring degrees, it would still be contrary to the spirit of Section 180.

There have been no rulings made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge or the Board, to be considered by your Committee, nor has your Committee been called upon to review any rulings of the Most Worshipful Grand Master before the same are submitted to Grand Lodge.

Your Committee wishes to record its appreciation to the Most Worshipful Grand Secretary for his constant and kindly help and assistance and for his usual kindly courtesy.

Fraternally submitted,
S. HART GREEN,
Chairman,
Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

Presented by M.W. Bro. S. H. Fahrni (11), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE,
ON THE REVIEWS OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF OTHER GRAND LODGES

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Again it is my privilege and pleasure to submit to you my endeavoured report of silent service as your Grand Correspondent.

As we peruse the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions and in nearly all of them we read of widespread demand for speed in the building of our Masonic edifice, in which each one of us is a living stone, a member, a vital part. The applications that will permit the shortening of time between degrees, making Masons in wholesale lots, and for dispensations to violate the law. The degree mills are grinding away at top speed in order to take care of the multitudes clamouring for admission. What the result will be time will tell.

However, it is heartening to note that a few Grand Masters sense the danger confronting us and have refused the demands for dispensations to do things that can be of no good to the Craft.

The future relationship of these brethren with Masonry will depend to a great extent upon the attitude of the Officers of Lodges and their willingness to keep in touch with them to keep up their interest in the Craft.

The size of individual Lodges is attacked here and there, and the formation of new Lodges, to relieve the congestion, is recommended. With the idea that some lodges are far too large to do effective work for Masonry and impart our tenets to all of their members, we are in accord that a Lodge of 200 members or less with all its members acquainted, taught in Masonry and imbued with its fellowship, is far better for our order and its influence on humanity, than a Lodge with 500 or more members having only 100 who are real Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. KERR,

Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through its Committee on Benevolence, begs to submit the following report:

The number of beneficiaries receiving monthly grants as at April 1, 1946, was 30. Three of these beneficiaries died during the year, and seven new cases were added, making the total as at March 31, 1947 to be 34. The total amount disbursed during the year was \$5,545.71.

During the past year every application received by your committee, was thoroughly investigated, carefully and impartially considered, and no application was refused when, in the opinion of your committee, it was worthy of assistance.

Your committee takes pleasure in commending the action of those Lodges, which, during the year, have assumed their share of responsibility in the cases of brethren needing assistance in their several Lodges.

The attention of Masters and Secretaries of all Lodges having beneficiaries in charge of this committee, is directed to Section 11-b-3, of the Constitution, which has been condensed to read as follows:

"As grants to beneficiaries are only for the current year, or less, it is the duty of every Lodge to see that applications for the renewal of such grants, for those beneficiaries who, at the end of the year, are still in need of assistance, are forwarded to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible after the first day of May, in each year. A Lodge not wishing a renewal of a grant, shall through its Secretary, notify the Grand Secretary, if possible, prior to that date."

Secretaries of Lodges are reminded that every application for assistance, must be accompanied by a covering letter; whenever possible supplementing the information contained in the official application form. This is essential; as the extra information so obtained, materially assists the committee in arriving at the worthiness or otherwise, of applications received.

The usual cheque for \$5.00 was sent as a Christmas gift last December to each beneficiary in receipt of a grant from the committee.

The list of donations to the Benevolent Endowment Fund received during the past year, is given below:

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1	\$ 100.00
Lisgar Lodge No. 2	50.00
Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3	50.00
Emerson Lodge No. 6	60.00
King Solomon Lodge No. 8	25.00
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	60.00
Morden Lodge No. 13	25.00
Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14	50.00
Corinthian Lodge No. 15	10.00
Glenwood Lodge No. 27	100.00
Birtle Lodge No. 39	25.00
Deloraine Lodge No. 40	27.00
Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	10.00
Glenboro Lodge No. 48	25.00
Oriental Lodge No. 54	25.00
Russell Lodge No. 62	20.00
Vermillion Lodge No. 68	70.00
Shiloh Lodge No. 70	40.00
Crystal Lodge No. 71	25.00
Composite Lodge No. 64	25.00
Hamiota Lodge No. 84	25.00
Elgin Lodge No. 86	90.00
King Edward Lodge No. 93	100.00
Hiram Lodge No. 94	25.00
Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100	20.30
Miniota Lodge No. 102	25.00
Strathclair Lodge No. 106	100.00
Kilwinning Lodge No. 110	25.00
Ophir Lodge No. 112	10.00
Tweed Lodge No. 113	100.00
Norwood Lodge No. 119	20.00
Penza Lodge No. 120	25.75
St. James Lodge No. 121	25.00
Roblin Lodge No. 122	25.00
Transcona Lodge No. 123	25.00
The Pas Lodge No. 124	76.00
Patricia Lodge No. 125	10.00
Sprague Lodge No. 132	5.70
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	24.00
Windsor Lodge No. 138	50.00
Beaver Lodge No. 139	50.00
Harmony Lodge No. 142	25.00
Fidelity Lodge No. 146	25.00
Jubilee Lodge No. 147	10.00
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	10.00
Foxwarren Lodge No. 152	10.00

Flin Flon Lodge No. 153	50.00
Pine Falls Lodge No. 154	29.09

	<u>\$1,837.84</u>
Fifth Masonic District	33.00
A. E. Burkett	10.00
D. F. Cowie	5.00
S. E. T. Dodd	5.00
J. E. Goodman	5.00
E. W. Grant	5.00
J. Greenberg	5.00
H. R. Hollett	5.00
N. Rothstein	25.00
A. Sim	3.00

101.00

Total Donations \$1,938.84

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN T. BOYD,

Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey (25), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3). Carried.

ADDRESS OF GRAND HISTORIAN

The subject of our Historical address on this occasion takes us beyond the confines of the Craft and directs our attention to that wider area—our Province—and I find justification for my choice in the fact that as good citizens the Masons of this Jurisdiction ought to know more than they do about their country.

Who were the first white men to gaze upon the site of the future City of Winnipeg which seventy-five years ago was the only settlement in this vast prairie land?

Was it the party of eight Goths and twenty-two Norwegians whose brief story is recorded on the Runic Stone, now a museum piece housed in Alexandria, Minnesota?

According to this mute evidence, these Vikings came along the Valley of the Red in the year 1362, about one hundred and fifty years before Columbus discovered America.

If the theory of Prof. H. R. Holland, of Wisconsin, is correct, these early visitors would undoubtedly be the first white men to enter this domain of the nomadic Indian tribes.

At a much later date there seems a possibility that Frenchmen were here about the year 1688. It is a known fact that Jacques de Noyon, first discovered the Kaministiquia route in the year mentioned, and spent the winter (1688) with Indians on Lake of the Woods. In those far-off days two routes led westward out of Lake of the Woods—one by way of the Winnipeg River and Lake Winnipeg; the other, an Indian trail, over the old Savanne Portage which followed the Roseau River to its junction with the Red, near Letellier. Perhaps de Noyon visited the place where we meet today but we have no documented evidence to justify such a claim, yet it is a possibility.

Later, we come to La Verendrye's day and reach more solid ground and our story of the coming of white men to the West is substantiated by conclusive evidence.

It is of Valiant La Verendrye that I will speak. The centuries have a way of placing men and events in their right relationships to history and it is time that La Verendrye may now be seen—200 years or more—after his search for the fabled Western Sea, in his natural and permanent place among the brave and gallant gentlemen whose names are inscribed on Canada's roll of fame.

In his own day neither friend nor enemy quite comprehended the achievement of our first great North-Wester. Time has now no power to dim the resplendence of La Verendrye's work or to assail the loveliness of his character. As long as civilization endures the memory of this intrepid explorer should be held in affectionate remembrance. We may well recall, at this time, the tribute expressed by the French Governor-General at the conclusion of the explorer's travels.

"Six years of service in France and thirty-two in this Colony, without reproach—the man most worthy of the graces of the King."

Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, Sieur de la Verendrye, was born November 17th, 1685, in the fortified town of Three Rivers, on the St. Lawrence. His father had come to Canada twenty years before and had been a lieutenant in the French Army.

We have no time, on this occasion, to deal biographically upon the youth and early career of La Verendrye. We do know that direct contact with trappers and traders from the Indian country and a deep-seated love for adventure, attracted not only La Verendrye himself but also his growing brood of youngsters. All four of his sons were destined to share in the immortal work of their illustrious father and they became joint discoverers, along with him, of the western half of this continent.

It was in 1727, that the French Governor required a resourceful manager for three trading posts located in the vicinity of Lake Nipigon. La Verendrye was selected for the position and in due time he proceeded westward to the land of the beaver.

Do we, in this great Metropolis, realize the nature and character of business at a trading post in that wilderness two centuries ago? Let me quote from a trading record bearing the date 1733:

"One beaver would buy a brass kettle or 12 ounces of colored beads; a pound and a half of gun powder or two pounds of sugar; two combs or 12 needles; a pair of shoes or two looking-glasses; eight knives or two hatchets." If an Indian asked the price of a blanket he would be told, "six beaver," and he could get a gallon of brandy for four beaver.

One bright morning a tall muscular Indian Chief padded into one of the isolated posts in Nipigon where he found La Verendrye busy at work on his post records. The visitor was named Auchnagah, and he came from Kaministiquia.

Following an established custom among traders La Verendrye questioned his Indian visitor thoroughly, enquiring about routes of travel; the place where he came from; the characteristics of his camp followers and he did not forget to ask if he had any information regarding the great fabled sea supposed to lie toward the west. In the course of the visit he learned from Auchnagah that at various times he had met other tribes who had told him about a large lake, the waters of which flowed westward and emptied at last into an unlimited expanse of undrinkable water which had an ebb and flow. The Indian sketched on a piece of birch bark an outline of the country he was familiar with and over which he had travelled.

The lure of the West had entered the veins of La Verendrye long before this interview and the story imparted by his native visitor made him more restless than ever. He sought release from his command of the trading posts. He also made a request to have an exploration organized under government auspices and despite the personal interest of his immediate superiors in Canada, the Court at Versailles would neither give sanction or money to prosecute the work. In the year 1731 a despatch from France was received announcing:

“Monsieur La Verendrye’s requests were reasonable and (that) his proposed undertaking bore an air of being practicable when the time came that money could be spent on such an object.”

By the time this message reached Canada, La Verendrye had already set out upon his great adventure. The search for the West began in earnest one sweltering afternoon on 8th June, 1731, at the little stockaded fort on the banks of the St. Lawrence, where the City of Montreal stands today. The explorer had undertaken to find voyageurs to convoy his party westward and it started off with fifty grizzled adventurers but without any financial assistance or obligation on the part of the Government of the day. Those in authority, on the spot, let him proceed on the distinct understanding that after he had reached his destination his future

moves would be guided by the views and instructions of the Court.

Three of La Verendrye's sons; the eldest Jean Baptiste (18), Pierre (17), and Francois (16), accompanied their father on the first expedition. A fourth son, Louis Joseph, joined him a few years later. A cousin of the boys, Christophe Dufrost, Sieur de la Jemmeraye, was second in command, under La Verendrye.

La Jemmeraye, then a youth of 22, had previously been in the Indian Country south of Lake Superior and in the Mississippi basin. He was considered well qualified and a worthy lieutenant in the work of exploration.

La Verendrye obtained a monopoly of the fur trade in the country he set out to explore and it was conditioned that he would, in time, build three forts; one at Rainy Lake; a second at Lake of the Woods, and a third at Lake Winnipeg.

Lacking the financial assistance from the Government treasury, as already explained, La Verendrye was compelled to seek aid from a group of merchants in Montreal. Then, by reason of furnishing the necessary goods for trading purposes looked for ample profits from the fur shipments expected from the new country.

Every mile of the journey westward was consecrated by heroism and every man in the caravan knew the perils they faced. Kaministiquia was reached in the fall (1731). Here La Verendrye and his party rested, marking time, on account of the season, until the month of June (1732). An advance guard under his nephew, La Jemmeraye and eldest son, Jean Baptiste, was sent off with four canoes to Rainy Lake where they erected their first post about two miles east of the site of the town Fort Francis. La Verendrye named the place Fort St. Pierre.

The explorer, with the remainder of his establishment reached the newly built fort on 14th July, 1732, and received a great welcome from a band of Cree Indians numbering about 200. Without delay a section of the exploring party

proceeded westward for another 100 miles to the north west angle of the Lake of the Woods where they erected Fort St. Charles. This place was destined to become their fur-trading centre for several years. Thus, by the end of 1732, he had opened two of the posts planned at the outset of his expedition.

The first attempt to reach Lake Winnipeg and the Red River region was made late in the winter of 1732-33 but did not prove successful. The report of this expedition was contained in a despatch dated 28th September, 1733, which reads:

"Toward the end of last winter he (La Verendrye) had sent his son with the Sieur de la Jemmeraye, his nephew, to construct a fort at Winnipeg (Lake). They reached a point about fifteen or twenty leagues from the lake of that name, according to what the savages told them, but could not get there on account of the ice."

A later despatch tells us about this initial approach in these words: "At the request of one of the Lake Winnipeg chiefs, the Sieur de La Verendrye sent two Frenchmen (La Jemmeraye and Jean Baptiste La Verendrye) to form an establishment there. These two men returned with a Chief and 18 men from the Lake and reported that they had found a lot of people there . . . they could not induce them to go up to Fort St. Charles . . . they hoped the French would come to them as promised. The most convenient place, both as a residence and as being within reach of the savages, was two days journey up the Lake on the south-west side at the outlet of the Red River. The Sieur de la Verendrye made presents to the Cree Chief and assured him that in two moons the Frenchmen would go and establish himself with him on the Red River."

It is interesting at this point to make reference to the first contact made by La Verendrye with the Cree Indians of Red River. In the explorer's journal (1733) an entry of unquestioned value appears—he was explaining to some Indian Chiefs that he had a blacksmith in his establishment—a man who could make axes, knives, kettles and such articles

but lacked the iron to make them. "Is there no one among you who has knowledge of iron," he asked, "the color does not matter, iron of any color would be good to have."

The reply, through the interpreter must be fascinating to Manitobans today in view of the advance and development of our mineral areas—it should be remembered we are dealing with events that happened over two centuries ago.

Listen to the answer—"He knew of several iron mines; one five days journey from the fort." Holding the fire shovel, he said, "the iron of that mine gave a still clearer sound," and he told of other ores he knew, some of them yellow, hard, in grains and flakes sparkling like the sun.

On 9th March, 1734, La Verendrye despatched two of his men back with two Cree guides sent by the Lake Winnipeg Chiefs to conduct them to inspect a place where it would be most convenient to erect a fort. The Frenchmen returned about the middle of May.

Sometime during the summer of 1734, La Verendrye wrote: "I gave orders to go immediately to Lake Winnipeg, at the mouth of the Red River and there construct a fort a square arpent in size, the plan of which I gave him with instructions as to what to do. He was to tell the savages that my son would go down with two canoes at the end of the August moon."

The historic fact concerning the original fort erected in the Red River Region is best told and authenticated in the report of Pierre de La Verendrye, the explorer's second son, a lad of twenty years at the time. This was sent to Governor Beauharnois and reads:

"Monsieur:—I have established a fort at Lake Winnipeg, five leagues (15 miles) up the Red River, on a fine point commanding a distant view. There are many fish in this river; it is a fine spot and a pleasant place to live at; game abounds. There are 30 portages but not one bad one. The fort and the river bear the name Maurepas (Red River). I could not establish myself nearer the Lake because it is all prairie there. I have not seen the Cree yet. I expect they

will all come to see me this winter, as I sent word of our new establishment."

This was the beginning of the original Fort Maurepas. It was five leagues (or 15 miles) from the mouth of the Red.

Today there is a village named Peguis on the west bank of the Red a few miles below Selkirk, and this might suggest the location of the old fort which is now only a memory.

We have learned that Pierre La Verendrye erected the first fort on Red River in 1734 and it was not until 25th February, 1737, that his father first set eyes on this fort. We need not dwell upon the reasons for this seeming delay, let us rather deal with the journey itself.

The trip was planned in December, 1736, when he writes in his journal (8th December) "I held an inspection in order to detach ten Frenchmen and two of my sons to prepare to accompany me to Fort Maurepas, as I had not received any news of my son since his arrival at the Fort, though he had orders to return immediately and bring any news as I desired to start for the East on their return. I made my party travel by the Savanne Portage, whence we crossed over to Red River."

He writes further as follows, (2nd January, 1737): "As they were separating a Cree arrived from Maurepas who said that the French there were in good health, but that they were greatly worried at having no news of the canoes and supplies that had been promised them for the autumn."

Again: "On 1st of February I sent off 15 savages and their canoes to mark out the shortest way for me, clear it of obstacles and select places to camp; the eight others and their canoes I kept to carry provisions and be of service to me. On 8th February, after having made Fort (St. Charles) secure for the period of my absence, and having left twenty men under the command of the sergeant, taking ten out with us, my two sons and eight savages with their canoes to carry things required on the way, I started in the morning, the weather being, excessively cold, which it continued to be all the way though the sun was bright. It took me eighteen days to get to Fort Maurepas.

"Nearly every day I came to lodges of savages who wished me bon voyage and offered me provisions that I had no need for as the men who were with me killed two or three moose every day . . . We settled upon the fourth of March as the date of the Council because time was required to notify two villages of the Assiniboine situated at the great fork of the Red River (Winnipeg) which is the place to which I have proposed to transfer Fort Maurepas in order to facilitate commerce and navigation.

"The Council meeting with the Indians was held on 4th March, 1737, and we learn an Assiniboine Chief rose and in the name of his tribe said that although the accident that occurred last summer had prevented the transfer of the Fort to their neighbourhood, namely to the fork of the Red River, which was their own territory, he hoped that I would nevertheless, keep my word this year; that his tribe offered me all the help in their power for that purpose, and that they would form a village at the spot in order to reside permanently near the fork."

The journal continues with general details of the negotiations and says: "but (I) declined the offer (guides to go to the Mandan Country) alleging the lateness of the season so as not to let them know that the Frenchmen were afraid nor yet of the intention I had formed of going up the Red River so as to reach Fort St. Charles. I availed myself of the pretext of wanting to see the great river (Winnipeg River) which, issuing from the Lake of the Woods falls into Lake Winnipeg." He left Fort Maurepas on 11th March, 1737, and it took 19 days for homeward journey.

La Verendrye left for Canada on 3rd, June, 1737, and did not return to Fort St. Charles until 31st August, 1738. Little time was spent here because we learn he left by canoe on 22nd September and reached Fort Maurepas in 11 days. The journey at this time of the year would be by water and the time compares with 18 and 19 days occupied in the month of February, 1737.

Quote from journal: "I reached Fort Maurepas on the 22nd (September) where I held a military inspection, pub-

lished your orders concerning the said Fort, and gave a copy of them to de Louviere, agent for these gentlemen. I then detached five of his men to come with me, as I had arranged, and left nine with de Louviere. I proceeded to the fork of the Assiniboine and reached there on the 24th (September). He invited the chief to his tent for a conference and two days later he proceeded up the Assiniboine to a point near the site of Portage la Prairie. La Verendrye never moved Fort Maurepas to the forks of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers as had been contemplated and promised to the Indians. On this occasion he proceeded without delay up the Assiniboine to a point near where Portage la Prairie stands today and this is what he wrote on the spot: "I determined to choose a good spot for building a fort, which I caused to be commenced at once. While the men were building as hard as they could I spoke to the Assiniboine, assembling them all near my tent, I made them a present from you of powder, ball, tobacco, axes, knives, chisels, awls; these being things which they value highly." On 9th October he was joined by M. de la Marque with the Sieur Nolan, his brother and eight men in two canoes.

This was the beginning of Portage la Prairie and the Fort erected there at that far-off time was named Fort La Reine. It must have been a rather modest establishment because as we have said its construction was commenced on 3rd October and on the 15th he wrote: "the fort and the houses being completed, I began to think of the preparations for our departure to the Mandan Country. M. de la Marque told me he had brought M. de Louvier to the fork (Red and Assiniboine at Winnipeg) with two canoes to build a fort there for the convenience of people on the Red River. I thought that was all right provided the savages are notified of it."

This then was the time, the place and the identity of the man who built Fort Rouge. It was the first building erected on the site of the future City of Winnipeg. Fort Rouge does not seem to have been of much importance at any time and there is no evidence to show it was ever an active trading post even in La Verendrye's day.

My personal opinion is that it was merely one of those stopping places, many of which were scattered throughout the country in the fur-trading days, and were used in the service when circumstances and convenience required them.

We can only deal with a fragment of La Verendrye's great work and contribution to Canada. His travels, explorations, discoveries, accomplishments, and his disappointments are told in his journal of nearly six hundred pages.

Brief reference has been made to his entry conveying the information that mineral deposits were known to the Indians in the Lake of the Woods region. We can, with perfect assurance, acclaim him as our first agriculturist, because he sowed corn and peas and reaped a satisfactory crop.

He (with members of his party) is acknowledged as the first white man to penetrate Western Canada.

He opened up contacts along Lake Manitoba, built forts on the North and South Saskatchewan, and sent his men to the Rockies.

It is impossible to enumerate the things he accomplished nor can we estimate the value of his contribution to the future development of a great country. From the Lake of the Woods, across the expanse of Manitoba, into Saskatchewan, along the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, through the Dakotas and along hundreds of miles of the Missouri River country. Through uncharted virgin wastes and endless plains he carried on his work, enduring perpetual danger and earning immortal fame.

But we soon forget great men. Some time ago I examined a high school history book and the story of La Verendrye was covered in less than a thousand words. I wonder what the explorer had in mind when he penned these words: "What advantages may result from my toils the future will tell."

Surely it is fitting that we should find space in our archives for this brief summary of a brave and gallant gentleman whose graces of mind and person have earned

for our intrepid voyageur, the love and remembrance of every loyal Canadian.

We honor La Verendrye, first white man, to open up our own beloved West.

WM. DOUGLAS, P.G.M.,
Grand Historian.

The Sincere thanks of the brethren present was expressed by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10), seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) and the address was ordered to be printed in the Proceedings. Carried.

GREETINGS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called on the following Distinguished Guests to address Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. Frank W. Matson, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

R.W. Bro. Chas. S. Elliott, Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

M.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

R.W. Bro. Arthur Cumming, S.G.W., Grand Lodge of Alberta.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the Fraternal Greetings and good wishes brought by our Distinguished Guests from their respective Grand Jurisdictions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Committee on the Grand Master's Address appointed by the Board of General Purposes beg to report as follows:

The activities of the Grand Master in this Grand Jurisdiction and beyond bespeak of endless endeavour to meet the Brethren and contribute to the utmost in furthering through their endeavours the ideals of Freemasonry. Five Sister Grand Jurisdictions, eleven District Meetings, four Regional Meetings, forty-five Masonic Lodge and Special Occasion visits, tell something of the story of an ambition to sacrifice and to devote time and energy to foster the mission of the Craft in its service to a bewildered humanity. We commend the reference to those Grand Lodge Officers and other members of Lodges who gave freely of their time and wisdom to assist the Grand Master in his arduous responsibilities, more especially the Grand Secretary, the Grand Chaplain and R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr.

Suitable reference is made to the loss sustained through the passing of sixteen Past Grand Masters of Sister Jurisdictions, of other Grand Lodge Officers in this and other Jurisdictions, and of 186 Brethren within this Grand Lodge.

We commend attention directed to the distinction drawn between Regional and District meetings and to the responsibility of the District Deputy Grand Master and of Officers of local Lodges for the success of the afternoon meeting of the District. Definitely, the value of the District meeting depends in part upon the local membership accepting due responsibility for making a worthwhile contribution to the occasion on which the Grand Master is their guest.

We commend attendance of the Grand Master at the Conference of the four Western Grand Lodges and at the All-Canada Conference convened for the first time during February of the present year. Representation from all Grand Jurisdictions, British Columbia to Newfoundland, would attest a growing sense of national responsibility within the Craft for concerted thinking upon those social and civic problems which affect the happiness of mankind. A unified circle of fraternalism helps one sense the strength and relationship of Masonic idealism to the practical solution of our social problems.

We commend the action taken by the Grand Master on behalf of the Benevolent Fund prior to the Christmas Season.

We commend the advice of the Grand Master in admonishing those within the Order who seek dispensation contrary to the constitution and the by-laws of a Lodge.

It is gratifying to note reference to the organization of a new lodge and to increase in Lodge membership during the year. We find ourselves in complete sympathy with the advice of the Grand Master to exercise the utmost patience and wisdom

in the "making of a Mason" while a significant increase in membership would appear to be the trend. The quality of our workmanship and guidance as Masons in the making of a member is deserving of special attention in this day.

It is pleasing to note reference to the Masonic spirit of the Lodges of the north, at Flin Flon and The Pas, and to know that geographic isolation bears no relation to community spirit and ambition on behalf of Masonic fraternalism.

We congratulate the Grand Master upon the honours conferred while visiting the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

In conclusion, your Committee desires to congratulate the Grand Master upon the completion of a year of ardent service to the Craft, and for an address which in frankness of statement appeals to the wisdom and initiative of every member as it calls him to labour in the Mission of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

D. S. WOODS,

Chairman,

Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

Presented by M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report begs to comment as follows:

A careful perusal of the Grand Secretary's Report discloses that our Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, has given a very complete word picture of a year of great activity in Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. He furnishes a most interesting statistical record which this Committee feels must be emphasized. The gross increase in membership totalled 1,145, 901 of whom were new members, 74 brethren who had been re-instated and 170 who had been affiliated. This is truly a splendid record—one of which our Grand Lodge will be proud.

It indicates a year of great activity in practically all of our Constituent Lodges. Only two lodges were without initiates during the year. Not only did we have a very large number of new members but 244 brethren by reinstatement and affiliation decided to take an active part in our Constituent Lodges. Our net increase in membership strength for the year is 748.

Our Grand Secretary, in his Report, gives a lengthy list of Dispensations which had been granted from 1st April, 1946, to 1st June, 1947. These Dispensations numbered 82 and were issued for 12 different reasons.

Our Grand Secretary, also in his Report, has made what is considered by this Committee a very valuable suggestion. It refers to the time of issue of the "Warning Circular" which deals with Rejections, Suspensions and Re-Instatements. It is hoped by this Committee that this suggestion will receive the consideration it warrants.

Such progress by our Constituent Lodges results in increased work for our Grand Secretary and his Staff. It has been a strenuous year for him, his first year as Grand Secretary, coupled with the fact that for some months of the year he was without the assistance of his office assistant, Miss Anderson, due to her serious illness. Fortunately she is on the way to recovery and it is hoped will soon take some of the heavy load from his shoulders. This Committee wishes to record its sincere appreciation of the splendid work performed by our Grand Secretary during this difficult year. He has met the numerous problems with enthusiasm and courage and those of us who have had the opportunity of witnessing him "in action" have been greatly impressed by his ability and courtesy. He has been able to keep the business of the office well abreast, he mentions in his report, because of the splendid co-operation of the Secretaries of Constituent Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

J. J. BANNERMAN,

Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10). Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master at 12.00 p.m. to attend the Grand Lodge Luncheon at 12.30 noon.

GRAND LODGE LUNCHEON

A Complimentary Luncheon was provided for the out-of-town guests by the Past Masters' Association of Winnipeg, supported by the Lodges of the First and Twelfth Masonic Districts, and Kildonan. The Dormer and Seven Oaks Lodges of the Tenth Masonic District.

The Luncheon was at 12.30 noon, W. Brother E. D. Chable, President of the Past Masters' Association presided. There were 618 Masons present. A feature of the Programme was the singing of Mr. Robert Whiteman of Winnipeg, who is totally blind, and who captivated his audience with his very fine voice. W. Brother J. Morgan Davies introduced the speaker. Most Worshipful Brother Carsten L. Jacobson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, who gave a thoughtful address and was applauded vigorously. He was thanked by R.W. Bro. Leslie C. Welsh. Most Worshipful Brother Jacobson's address follows herewith:

"THE APARTMENTS OF THE TEMPLE"

Brother Master of Ceremonies, Most Worshipful Sir, Brethren and Honored Guests:

In my boyhood the spotlight of every Baptist camp-meeting was the mourners' bench. This being my first visit here, I find myself repenting on that bench. For years our Minnesota pilgrims have sung paeons of praise to the genuine friendliness and open-handed hospitality of our Northern neighbor, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. My fondest hope is that the future will permit me to be with my Minnesota colleagues in the "Amen Corner," and to add a lusty voice to their chorus.

My subject, "the Apartments of the Temple," is directed to what we choose to call the Universality of Masonry—not entirely uncontroversial. If my remarks leave you with food for thought, I will feel amply repaid.

Each of our Grand Jurisdictions is a law unto itself, proud of its sovereignty and jealous of its prerogatives. We reach out for friendliness and understanding but we are apt to practice isolation. We have vigorously opposed,

and I think rightly so, every movement to shackle our freedom under a General Grand Lodge.

Many of our jurisdictions have also been impatient of the so-called higher degrees of the Scottish and York Rites. They have deprecated Shrinedom as a more or less frivolous playground. Some of them do not tolerate the Order of the Eastern Star and similar affiliates. These, they say, lessen Masonic attendance and dissipate our strength. These prejudices, if such they are, are deeply ingrained. If we are truly logical, however, it can do us no harm to evaluate the far-reaching effect of such bodies.

Not so many decades ago our several Grand Jurisdictions, within their respective Apartments, were out of touch with the temple of Masonry as a whole. More and more, as the world has shrunk in size, we have been drawn closer together. Perhaps the time is ripe for us to consider some of the factors which have been working toward this end.

The advent of the automobile is not the least of these. Whole lodges now motor to visit their neighbors. Our brethren of International Falls feel equally at home over the bridge at Fort Frances. Quarry Lodge, at Pipestone in our Western Minnesota, at its annual Past Masters' event, is the traditional host of Iowa and of North and South Dakota. On the state level, my own Grand Lodge exchanges visitations with the Grand Lodges of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the two Dakotas. We have beaten a path over the international friendship line between Minnesota and Manitoba. This year, at the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington, D.C., the Grand Masters of all of our forty-nine Jurisdictions and six from Canada met to break bread and exchange ideas,.

This, Brethren, appeals to me as the true spirit of Masonic Universality. The most of its development has occurred within the last twenty-five or thirty years and it is doubtful if Ancient Craft Masonry can claim all the credit. The other bodies, with their national organizations, have long set us an example. Their leaders, many of them leaders in Blue Lodge Masonry as well, have pioneered a closer

national and international spirit. Perhaps we have learned a salutary lesson from their example.

At home, during my school days, I became acquainted with Hubert Bown, a famous English auctioneer. He was noted as an expert on the history and value of oriental rugs. One morning, before a sale, a lady came in to examine a beautiful Kirmanshah. "Why Mr. Bown," she said, "that rug is defective; it has a light streak of color running through its centre." "Madam," said he, "that streak is proof that the rug is genuine. Its backing is of the finest camel-hair and the symbolism of its design is older than written history. The Persians," said he, "insist that only Allah can be perfect. In the weaving of their rugs they put in such harmless flaws to avoid the outrage of imitating the All-High."

In later years I have come to associate his statement with Masonry. The sturdy backing of our Fraternity has ever been the Blue Lodge System. And yet, like all human institutions, we know that it has its faults and we strive to remedy them.

One of the founders of that Benevolent Society, Alcoholics Anonymous, wrote a fitting philosophy into this prayer: "Sovereign Father of the Universe wilt thou grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to attack those we can, and the common sense to distinguish the difference." This, I think, is the spirit in which we must approach such problems.

Two hundred and thirty years ago, the four Immemorial Lodges, with a combined membership of less than one hundred and twenty, joined in the formation of what is now the Mother Grand Lodge of England. We have grown and prospered until now we have lodges in all civilized countries with a combined membership of between five and six millions.

There are many who are sincere in the belief that the so-called higher Bodies, which have woven a colorful pattern into our fabric, give us more of weakness than of strength. However this may be they do stimulate our growth and tend to break down the borders of our isolation.

Like our own efforts, therefore, they tend to promote the Universality of the Craft.

That Universality can and ought to play an important role in the post-war world. Even now, while the peace is still unwritten, we sense the gathering of the war-clouds of the future. But we do not have to stand by without lending a hand. We have no place in political controversy. By precept and example, however, we can greatly aid in the dissipation of the misunderstandings and jealousies without which war cannot exist.

Canada and the United States have long understood all of this. Our three thousands of miles of border have no need of soldiers, of guns or of barbed-wire entanglements. Mexico at our south, despite the differences between our peoples and our languages, is fast approaching the same understanding.

In cementing the bonds of friendship and of peace between Canada and the United States, it cannot be gainsaid that Masonry of every Rite and Degree has played its part. During more recent times Masonry has made great strides in Mexico and I am firmly convinced that this has been of material aid to our better understanding.

Let us continue our efforts until the Light of Masonry penetrates to all the peoples of the earth and the scourge of war is relegated to the ash-heap of barbarity.

In closing, Brethren, I invite you to rise and join me in a toast:

"To the Universality of Masonry. May its Light continue to shine and spread until we can truly call this 'one world' and its teachings of Brotherhood become the beacon of Universal Peace."

Second Day

Thursday, June 5th, 1947

Afternoon Session

Grand Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labor at 2.30 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes through the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry begs to submit the following report.

The Condition of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction has improved over last year, both in increased membership and harmony. Last year your Committee reported a few cases of discord and difficulty, but thanks to time and common sense these cases have been healed.

The District Deputy Grand Masters report most lodges busy with degree work and that the ritual work of the officers is very well and carefully done. This Committee would like to see each Worshipful Master take a greater part in all three Degrees so that by the end of his term, the Lodge would be assured of his proficiency in all the degrees, according to the requirements of the Constitution.

The general attendance at Lodge meetings is rather disappointing, a greater effort should be made to improve this by having the lodge work well and promptly done and closing early.

A great deal of inter-lodge visiting has been carried on during the year, much to the advantage of the new member, for visiting gives him the opportunity of broadening his Masonic knowledge and meeting the brethren from other lodges.

The attendance of principal officers at the Annual Communication is far from good, distance does not seem to enter into this difficulty because some of the most distant lodges have a greater representation than those that are situated close to Winnipeg.

Only a few lodges failed to have their books properly audited, but all Lodges report a good financial condition and a number are making plans to own their own lodge buildings.

A better appreciation of keeping the Historical Register up to date is indicated this year, as the District Deputy Grand Masters report only one or two cases of neglect. The Committee again wishes to draw to the attention of all Lodges in this Jurisdiction the importance of the work of the Committee of Enquiry and to stress the care and thoroughness with which they should discharge their important duties, so that none but fit and proper persons may join the Craft.

The Conference of District Deputy Grand Masters held at mid-term again proved helpful, for by that time the District Deputy Grand Masters had been in office some months and had a better understanding and conception of their duties, and were better able to take advantage of the assistance and advice offered by the various Committees of Grand Lodge.

Another gratifying experience last year was the Conference of the four Western Jurisdictions which meets annually at Banff to discuss problems relating to the Craft in the respective Jurisdictions. It must be a source of satisfaction to you, Most Worshipful Sir, that the officers from this Jurisdiction made such a fine contribution to the success of that Conference.

Regional (or Area) Meetings are proving popular, the attendance this year was outstanding and seems to indicate an earnestness on the part of the brethren in their search for a broader understanding of the Craft. These meetings are an opportunity for that expression of brotherhood and a desire for fellowship for which we all yearn in these disturbing times.

And now may we turn to a summary of the District Deputy Grand Masters' reports covering the various Districts:

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, D.D.G.M. of the First Masonic District, reports on the eleven lodges in his District. They are

very interesting reports, and prepared in a comprehensive manner. His report on the work and the manner in which the business of the several lodges is conducted shows them to be in a healthy state. He has been most diligent in the discharge of his duties as will be noted from his report. In addition to his official and other visits to respective lodges, he held meetings at which all Masters, Wardens and Secretaries of the First District were present. This procedure affords an excellent opportunity of interchange of ideas and, no doubt, reacts to the benefit of individual lodges and the Craft in general. The observations and recommendations contained in these reports are worthy of most careful perusal and consideration of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

The fine support which the District Deputy received from both Past and Sitting Masters and other members of the Craft on visits to the various lodges was most encouraging, and indicates the fine spirit of co-operation and fellowship that prevails throughout this District, productive of much good and added interest in Freemasonry. The District Meeting on October 29th, was a great success, the result of much thought and planning.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. W. M. Froom, D.D.G.M. Some of our oldest Lodges are within this District and some of our dearly beloved Masons, old in the service of the Craft they love, are members of these Lodges. It was an inspiration and a joy to meet R.W. Bro. William Cairns of Temple Lodge No. 49 at both the District and Regional Meetings. Having lived—as he puts it—forty-seven years in each of two centuries (94 years of age) he is still an enthusiastic Mason. We are all happy to have this worthy and esteemed Brother with us at this Communication. R.W. Bro. Froom had a very successful District Meeting at Carberry on October 2nd and from the various reports of the Secretaries, very fine work is being done in some Lodge Communities. The public spirit displayed by members of these Lodges is worthy of imitation. It warms the heart of a Mason to find members of a lodge deep in the work of helping others, and what a field each brother has to help and guide the young boys in a Community.

This district makes a splendid showing in the number of Lodges owning their Temples and the fine financial condition that all the Lodges are in. Attendance is average at Lodge communications—the duty of attending Lodge should be stressed, particularly to the Junior Officers, they need the experience of these meetings in fitting them for the duties and responsibilities of Master.

Harmony and good fellowship are evident in all the Lodges, and a good attendance is anticipated at Grand Lodge this year.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. H. A. Adair, D.D.G.M., has visited each of the nine Lodges in his District at least twice during his term of office. With but one exception, all lodges showed an increase in membership, all degrees witnessed were conferred in a creditable manner and all candidates were well grounded in their work. He reports a good attendance at all official visits despite the fact that owing to the severe winter, road conditions were poor in a number of cases, which indicates that Masonry is in a healthy condition in this district.

A notable feature of his report is the fact that all lodges in the District have made provision for the instruction of Junior Officers, a most commendable practice which should be stressed by the incoming District Deputy Grand Master. One regrettable feature of his report is that not all principal Lodge Officers attend the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Last year the attendance from this District was 13 Officers out of 27. Attention should be given to this apparent lack of interest on the part of some principal Officers.

Harmony and a spirit of good fellowship exist in all the lodges and three of them are to be commended for their local charity work.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. C. N. Mains, D.D.G.M., reports a splendid spirit of harmony in his district. The lodges have their share of new members, who are keen to learn more about this great Craft and take their place in Masonry. While some inter-lodge visits have been made, more should be planned, so that new members may extend their circle of Masonic activities.

Practically all the lodges have their Historical Registers up to date and the lodge books properly audited. The lodge attendance of the Junior Officers is very disappointing. If these officers are careless and indifferent in attendance, the general work and welfare of the lodge suffers. This misfortune is already indicated in some lodges by the poor attendance at the Grand Lodge Communication, and inter-lodge visiting. The distances are not great, and travelling conditions are good, and this is one District from which a good representation could be expected at Grand Lodge.

The Community work of some of these lodges is splendid and worthy of praise. A really active lodge is always keen to take its full part in community work.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. J. A. McKinnon, D.D.G.M., reports that in all the lodges of his District a very friendly feeling exists. Many of the lodges are small but the average attendance during the past year was about forty per cent; forty-eight per cent on the occasion of his official visits. Visiting among the lodges is reported to be good—one of the likely reasons for the good spirit that prevails. Attendance of the principal officers at Grand Lodge continues to be poor. Eight of the twelve lodges in the district were not represented by any of the three principal officers last June, and only one Senior Warden and one Junior Warden were present. There also seems to be a lack of interest in Study periods or Study Club work. A greater interest in Masonic Degree interpretation might result in greater officer interest. Some of the lodges do a great deal of visiting. The District Deputy Grand Master reports a very fine appreciation of the monthly paper, "Masonry in Manitoba." All the Lodges appear to be in good financial condition.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. J. C. Duthie, the District Deputy Grand Master, reports that lodge attendance of both officers and members in this district appears to be good. One lodge had the misfortune to lose its Master and Secretary because they were transferred from the Community. He also reports that all the Masters can confer the three degrees in part and the Opening and Closing ceremonies are satisfactory. The work of the Junior Officers is well within the average. Lodge visiting could be increased by some of the Lodges to the advantage of the new members, then again, some of the lodges do a great deal of inter-visiting, some of it being international, which would suggest that they are not only active in visiting, but are making their lodge a real part of the Community life.

Again as in other Districts, the attendance of the principal officers at Grand Lodge is poor, and yet those lodges that are alive and progressive seem to manage good representation at Grand Lodge. One of the Lodges in the district was host to a regional meeting, which was very well attended and well organized. Harmony prevails in all Lodges.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

A careful review of the reports of R.W. Bro. W. S. Clark, D.D.G.M., shows that Freemasonry is in a fairly healthy condition. He seems to have been diligent in the discharge of his duties as defined by the Constitution. All the Lodges in the District were visited and he reports that harmony prevails.

His reports show that five of the seven Masters in the District can confer three degrees. This is rather unique and is worthy of commendation and emulation. He reports highly on the attendance, interest and efficiency of the Junior Officers and the Degrees he witnessed were exemplified in a highly competent manner. It is rather regrettable that three of the seven lodges were unrepresented at Grand Lodge and that only seven accredited delegates in the District were in attendance.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. Joseph Millroy, the D.D.G.M., has appreciated the duties and responsibilities of his office. He has visited all lodges at least once, officially and informally several times. Outstanding performance is being done in all departments of Freemasonry, the officers are conscious of the work to be done and are doing it in a very able manner.

East Star Lodge No. 55 is worthy of particular note in this review. A few years ago this lodge appeared to be in a serious decline and the brethren, much to their dislike and against their better judgement, seriously gave consideration to the surrender of their Lodge Charter. On the occasion of the Official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master he reports that he found the brethren in "great heart," the future of East Star Lodge appears to be in the ascendancy. The brethren of this Lodge are to be congratulated and are worthy of any help that may be given them to assist their lodge to take its natural place in Freemasonry.

Three Lodges are making slow progress. In each case the poor progress emanates from the careless work of the principal officers. Mention is made of the dragging business sessions and the inefficiency of degree work. Late opening hour of the lodge also appears to be a cause for complaint. The initiative of the officers guiding the destiny of any Lodge should be attuned to the requirements of the Lodge. Projects which are interesting and most worthwhile are not undertaken. Sprague Lodge leaves much to be desired. The District Deputy Grand Master recommends assistance to the members of this lodge, which would enable them to fulfill the destiny of Freemasonry in their Community.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

From the reports submitted, R.W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre, D.D.G.M., has been very zealous in his efforts as the representative of the Grand Master, and high praise is due him for a big job well done. The most striking item in his report is the efficiency and enthusiasm of the Junior Officers of the various

lodges, which augers well for the spread of Freemasonry in the years to come. All work he has seen done in the different lodges was of a very high standard and it would appear from this, that the Officers are really interested in the performance of their various parts. It was also very gratifying to see how well his own lodge and others supported him in the performance of his official duties.

There is no question that harmony prevails in all the lodges in this District. There seems to have been a laxity in the matter of auditing the books of two of the lodges. This should be remedied at once. It is very unfortunate that this district is so poorly represented at the Grand Lodge Communication. This is a duty the principal officers should endeavour to perform as they would receive much valuable instruction and information to take home to their various Lodges, and at the same time discharge their responsibilities in the administration of Grand Lodge.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

R.W. Bro. J. W. Lindsay, D.D.G.M., has apparently made a very fine contribution to the Craft by his diligence. This District is unique in that it has three Lodges in Greater Winnipeg and seven Country Lodges. It is pleasant to learn that they work together in perfect love and harmony. The attendance of Officers is fair, considering that a number of them are key men in the industries in their respective Communities. In all lodges in this District, the Master is able to confer in part the three degrees. The degrees were witnessed in all but one Lodge, and the work seemed to be well done.

Membership is increasing which gives the lodges the added responsibility of instructing the new members. None of the Lodges have study clubs, due perhaps to the fact that most of their time is taken up with degree work. Eight lodges have libraries one just recently started. It would seem that we are getting many new members but could do more to help in Masonic education. All the Lodges in the District but one have done some inter-lodge visiting and that one, is over one hundred miles from its nearest neighbor. The lodges all seem to be in fairly good financial condition and several own their own Temples. The work of the Junior Officers on the whole, was quite good as reported by the District Deputy. This speaks well for the future welfare of the Craft in this District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

According to the D.D.G.M.'s report the condition of Freemasonry in R.W. Bro. Harry Gray's district is very satisfactory.

A perusal of his reports on the lodges and his summations in each case show generally a healthy growth in membership and a keen interest in practical Freemasonry. The Masters and their officers generally, are well skilled in their ritualistic work, and with one or two exceptions adhere closely to the usages and landmarks. All lodges in the district have enjoyed large increases in membership. The new members for the most part are very young men, ready and anxious to learn all they can about Freemasonry.

All the Masters and Senior Officers meet regularly once every month to discuss their problems, exchange ideas and pool their experiences. The annual District Meeting was an outstanding event, both from the viewpoint of attendance and the unique character of its programme. There is hardly a meeting of any lodge in the District at which another lodge is not welcomed as a visitor. The Masons of the district attend Divine Service in a body once a year and hold an annual social event with their wives as guests. In this way the members of the various lodges get to know each other better. If there is any one factor which highlights the condition of Freemasonry in this district it is the spirit of unity and close fraternity of the lodges and members individually. The success of this achievement is due in large measure to the foresight of the District Deputy Grand Master. He has shown a keen appreciation of the duties of his office and the needs of the lodges under his supervision.

The two lodges, Most Worshipful Sir, that are under your personal Jurisdiction, namely, The Pas Lodge No. 124 and Flin Flon No. 153, are in fine condition. Flin Flon Lodge burned the mortgage on their Temple during your visit in September and other lodges are enjoying their full share of new members.

They report the annual visit of their Grand Master as an inspiring event and look forward to it with keenness and a pleasure that brings warmth to the hearts of those attending the Grand Master. The great distance from Grand Lodge does not prevent these lodges having at least one representative at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. It has been mentioned several times throughout this report, but once more I would like to stress the importance of Masters and Wardens attending the meetings of Grand Lodge. As has been pointed out in several District reports the attendance is not too good and it is to be hoped that this serious neglect will be remedied in the future, and that the officers and Master Masons alike will attend the Annual Communication and derive that knowledge and inspiration which can only be gained by personal attendance.

Your Committee would like to express its thanks for the fine co-operation of the District Deputy Grand Masters and

appreciation of the fine reports promptly submitted, some of these reports are models of thoroughness and detail.

The District Deputy Grand Masters have been faithful and sincere in their discharge of their duties as your representatives, Most Worshipful Sir, and have endeavoured to bring to the lodges under their charge inspiration and help. They had courage to frankly and kindly criticize poor work or wrong methods and make suggested improvements, and at the same time missed no opportunity to commend and encourage work well done.

In recognition of the fine work done by the retiring District Deputy Grand Masters during their term of office, your Committee recommend the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master be conferred on the following:

R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann—First Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. W. M. Froom—Second Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. H. A. Adair—Third Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. C. N. Mains—Fourth Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. J. A. McKinnon—Fifth Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. J. C. Duthie—Sixth Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. W. C. Clark—Seventh Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. Joseph Millroy—Eighth Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. D. N. McIntyre—Ninth Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. J. W. Lindsay—Tenth Masonic District
 R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray—Twelfth Masonic District

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. H. BLYTHE,

Chairman.

Presented by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Investments begs to report for the year ended March 31st, 1947, as follows:

1. The recommendations made by this Committee in its report of the previous year, have been fully implemented as follows:

a. Separate accounts are now being kept for the Benevolent Endowment Fund and the Beneficiary Fund.

- b. The policy of submitting combined Annual Statements by the Auditors has been discontinued. Separate financial statements are being submitted by the Auditors for the first time this year.
 - c. Separate bank accounts are now in operation in each fund.
 - d. The system of combining the transactions in respect to the two funds has been discontinued.
2. An adjustment has been made in respect to the invested capital of the Endowment and Beneficiary Funds. The Beneficiary Fund investments now stand at \$49,600.00 instead of \$34,600.00 shown last year. A transfer of \$15,000.00 was made to the Beneficiary Fund from the Benevolent Endowment Fund. The amount of this adjustment was arrived at after thorough investigation by the Auditors and the Grand Secretary.

The investments of these funds are now as follows:

Benevolent Endowment Fund	\$269,730.00
(as shown by Exhibit "c." Auditors' Report.)	
Beneficiary Fund	\$ 49,600.00
(as shown by Exhibit "e", Auditors' Report.)	

Your Committee recommends that the investments as above set out be confirmed and that they form the basis to which future investments will be added.

During the year, the remainder of the property acquired by the Grand Lodge through foreclosure, was sold as follows:

	Sale Price	Cost	Grand Lodge	Profit
191 Ethelbert	\$4,900.00		\$4,509.52	\$390.48
299 Waverley	9,000.00		8,734.90	265.10

Mortgage Loans have increased during the year by \$6,543.69.

This increase is the result of a mortgage for the unpaid purchase price of 299 Waverley Street.

No investment were made by this Committee during the year.

Donations to the Endowment Fund amounted to \$2,269.14. Interest and U.S. Premiums on investments during

the year amounted to \$11,813.38

Amount paid to beneficiaries 5,545.71

Excess of receipts over Beneficiary disbursements \$ 6,267.67

Fraternally submitted,

ROYAL BURRITT,

Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through the Committee on Finance, begs to submit the following report:

Your Committee on Finance, during the year just closed, have given careful supervision to all matters relating to the General Fund of Grand Lodge. Your Committee met regularly each month to examine and approve the payment of all accounts billed through the Grand Secretary.

The following statement of Income and Expenditures follows:

Income: Actual	\$ 20,379.85
Income: Budgeted	18,070.00
Expenditures: Actual	14,366.85
Expenditures: Budgeted	15,835.00
Net Income for year	6,013.00
Surplus as at March 31st, 1946	11,217.66
Total surplus as at March 31st, 1947	17,230.00

The increase in revenue realized during the year has enabled the several committees to carry out their programme of activities as planned and, with the continuance of this healthy condition of our General Fund, a further extension of activities can be undertaken, all of which reacts in the interests and to the benefit of Freemasonry throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Our Budget for Expenditures for the year 1947-48 as you will note, is high compared with previous years but it includes two items carried over from 1945-46, viz., repairs to Grand Lodge Regalia \$400.00 and furniture for Grand Lodge Board Room \$515.00. No material was available for the former and there has been delay in delivery of the latter. There is also an item for \$1,100.00 for the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry to cover travelling expenses of Rural Board Members, and one item of \$500.00 to cover travelling expenses not otherwise provided for. Both of these items have the approval of the Board on recommendation of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry. This makes a grand total of \$21,955.00 as compared with \$15,835.00 budgeted for the year 1946-47.

It will be further noted that the \$21,955.00 which is budgeted for 1947-48 is \$3,685.00 more than the amount of revenue budgeted for the same period, but to offset this we propose to take this balance from 1946-47 surplus.

Your Committee in their recommendations for 1947-48 expenditures deem it advisable to provide for an increase in the salary item from \$5,500.00 to \$6,500.00 in order to permit engaging extra help as required in the Grand Secretary's office during certain periods of the year, and made necessary on account of the increase in office routine due to increased activities of the several committees.

In conclusion, your Committee wish to express their sincere thanks to the Grand Secretary, M.W. Brother P. T. Pilkey, for his help and the efficient manner in which he has acted as Secretary of your Finance Committee; also our thanks to members of his staff who have been most co-operative at all times.

Statement of approximate Income and Expenditures for the year ending March 31st, 1948, is submitted for your consideration.

HARRY CODDINGTON,

Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3). Carried.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1947-48

Income

Dues	\$15,000.00
Initiations	1,400.00
M.M. Certificates	1,200.00
Past Master's Certificates	75.00
Life Member Certificates	60.00
Dispensations	35.00
Supplies	500.00

\$18,270.00

Expenditures

Salaries	\$ 6,500.00
Rent	1,200.00
Postage and Revenue Tax	350.00
Stationery and Office Supplies	600.00
Grand Master's Regalia	375.00
Grand Master's Expenses	800.00
Past Master's Certificates	50.00
Master Mason's Certificates	100.00
Condition of Freemasonry	
Rural Board Members, Hotel and Travelling	
Expenses	\$ 1,100.00
Deputation Work	500.00
Travelling Expenses not otherwise	
provided for	500.00
	<u>2,100.00</u>

Reprinting of Constitution and Amendments	1,200.00
Committee on Masonic Research and Education:	
Area Meetings	\$ 600.00
Library	1,680.00
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	2,200.00
Masonry in Manitoba	1,800.00
Unemployment Insurance	50.00
Exchange	30.00
Telephones and Telegraphs	125.00
Travelling and Banff Conference	500.00
Warning Circulars	35.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Insurance	75.00
Grand Lodge Proceedings	800.00
Grand Lodge Communication	900.00
Auditors	200.00
Flowers and Christmas Cards	100.00
Grand Lodge Regalia	400.00
Furniture—Grand Lodge Board Room ..	515.00
All Canada Conference	350.00
Travelling Expenses—Grand Secretary ..	300.00
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	\$21,955.00
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Total amount of Budget	\$21,955.00
Total anticipated Income	\$18,270.00
Taken from surplus to balance	3,685.00
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	\$21,955.00
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Surplus on hand	
March 31st, 1947	\$17,230.66
Less amount to balance	
1947-48 Budget	3,685.00
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Anticipated surplus as at	
March 31st, 1948	\$13,545.66
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R.W. Bro. Thos. Neville (1) expressed appreciation of the splendid reports submitted by the Grand Treasurer and the Committees on Investments and Finance, which revealed that the Grand Lodge Finances were in a healthy condition—a matter of gratification to the membership in Manitoba.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then made the following Declaration:

“Brethren, the time is now 3.15 p.m. and I declare the Ballot closed.”

GREETINGS

The Most Worshipful Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. John Stormon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and M.W. Bro. Theodore N. Engdahl, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota to address the brethren.

Each of these distinguished guests brought appropriate and friendly greetings from their respective Grand Lodges and were thanked by the M.W. Grand Master for their expressions of Good Will.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH
AND EDUCATION

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes, through its Committee on Masonic Research and Education begs to report as follows:

The year just closing has been a very busy one in this Grand Jurisdiction. There has been an almost unprecedented influx of new members. Young men particularly have knocked insistently at the doors of our temples. In the majority of cases they have been admitted, received in due form and brought to light. But they have not been content with merely receiving their degrees and the privilege of greeting hundreds of their fellowmen as brothers. They are enthusiastic and determined in their insistence for Masonic education and information. They have taken up the challenge of the Entered Apprentice Degree; "Be useful to mankind and . . . consider yourself called upon to make daily advancement in Masonic knowledge." They can do neither effectively without education and proper training.

Probably never before have the duties and responsibilities of the committee on Masonic Research and Education weighed so heavily. Never before has the necessity for wise planning of a programme of information on Masonic History, Philosophy and Teaching been more evident and real. Many of these young men joining our ranks are veterans, war weary. They have heard that Masonry offers a new way of life, a new basis of human relationship which needs neither rifle nor bayonet but the hand of fellowship and a heart full of love.

History of Masonry has its place in filling in the background of the Masonic picture but its value can easily be over estimated. What the young Mason of the present wants to know is what are the principles of Masonry; how are the symbols and allegories translated into modern living; what has Masonry to offer to make of the present day economy a world brotherhood; can we offer Masonry as a panacea for all the ills of the present day world; if so, what is the formula?

Your Committee on Research and Education has endeavored to answer some of these questions. It has discussed various plans for dispensing Masonic information. It has offered to send degree teams of skilled brethren, at the call of any lodge, to exemplify degree work. There has been practically no call for such service. Apparently lodge officers are jealous of their abilities and perhaps rightly so.

Your Committee has offered to send capable speakers out to address lodges on request—to speak on any subject of their choice, either in lodge or study group. Not more than two or three such calls were received and speakers supplied. Apparently that plan of information and education hasn't much appeal. In the average lodge, after the routine of business is over, invariably there is degree work. That done, its then too late to expect men to sit in comfort and listen to a speech, no matter how eloquent the speaker or interesting the subject matter.

About three years ago the Committee decided on a plan of printing a Masonic paper. The first year it went only to subscribers at a fee of 25 cents per annum. The paper proved its value as a medium of information; consequently, the second year, the committee decided the paper should go free of charge to every Mason in Manitoba along with his lodge notice. Here was a plan which had appeal principally because the paper could be pocketed when received and read, and even re-read at leisure. The present Committee decided last fall to increase the size of the paper from four to six pages. The change went into effect January 1st. We believe this plan to be very effective and much appreciated by the Masons of Manitoba. We believe it will continue to be popular so long as the subject matter is authentic, interesting and timely. The committee is fortunate in having an editor who appreciates the power of the pen and who can interpret Masonry in terms of everyday living.

A second plan initiated two years ago, which had the dual purpose of spreading Masonic knowledge and at the same time fostering good-fellowship was that of holding Area Meetings. Unlike district meetings, the area meetings cut across district lines, were far less formal yet far more informative. The Grand

Master and other Grand Lodge Officers attended the four Area Meetings held this year.

The general plan is to survey the Province as a whole and choose three or four lodges at strategic points to act as host lodges. Their accommodation should be such as to take care of an attendance of two hundred comfortably. The Master of a host lodge would invite any lodges he desired to attend and he would be in charge of the meeting and host at refreshment. The Grand Lodge would supply the programme and defray most of the expense of the meeting.

Four such meetings were held this year. The success of last year's Area Meetings brought increasing numbers out this year. All four meetings were well planned, well conducted and enthusiastically acclaimed to be outstanding successes. The Grand Master spoke at all the meetings. His address and the question and answer period were the highlights of each meeting. Much very valuable and interesting information came out of the question and answer period. At the Portage la Prairie meeting a group of Masons known as the "44 Club" of the 12th District presented a short play entitled "Harmony Being The Support," which illustrated in dramatic form many Masonic Truths. At the other three meetings addresses prepared by the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior Grand Warden for the Grand Master's Conference last fall were delivered by the authors. Both addresses were well received. As evidence of the keen interest taken in these Area Meetings, Masons travelled as much as a hundred miles or more to attend. Herewith are the names of the lodges which acted as hosts and their attendance record.

Assiniboine Lodge No. 7, Portage la Prairie	184
Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105, Swan River	108
Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92, Shoal Lake	135
Reston Lodge No. 104, Reston	185

We wish to express our sincere thanks to these lodges for their hospitality and the efficient manner in which their Masters conducted the meetings.

A third plan, taken under consideration two years ago, was that of having synopses of the three degrees prepared and also papers on the examinations following the degrees. Synopses were prepared and submitted to the Board of Custodians of the Work for their approval. Not knowing the extent of the use to be made of these synopses they refused to approve of them as written, on grounds that they were too revealing of Masonic secrets. Therefore, they were returned to the Committee for revision. Your Committee, after much discussion, decided to abandon this plan for the present at least. In place of it, a

system of instruction and information in pamphlet form, to be given to each candidate as he progressed through the degrees was considered. Such plans presently in use in many other Grand Jurisdictions were studied. Many pamphlets in use by them were examined and were found very interesting and informative; and with little difficulty, could be adapted to our work. The Committee, therefore, has decided that such a plan of instruction would meet the demands in this Grand Jurisdiction. Consequently, it has formally approved of a plan to provide instruction to candidates by issuing short pamphlets giving instruction before initiation and on the teachings of the degrees when conferred. This Committee recommends to the incoming committee the early completion of such a plan.

The Grand Lodge Library, which functions under this Committee, has served the Craft well under the capable direction of Most Worshipful Bro. Harry Woods as Librarian. We commend him for his work as librarian and also for his painstaking work as secretary of this Committee. In the hope of stimulating interest in the use of the library by a larger number of brethren your Committee has had printed library cards of which each lodge secretary has a supply. It is his duty to give a library card to each newly-raised brother and urge him to make use of it. For identification it will bear the names of the holder and his lodge secretary. Any member of any lodge who will make use of it is urged to get a library card from his secretary. The annual report of the Grand Librarian will follow as part of this report.

The year has come to a close and we have not done all we should like to have accomplished. We have held many meetings. Members of the Committee have attended faithfully and much valuable discussion took place. We have, Most Worshipful Sir, endeavored to carry on plans already initiated and to formulate new ones, designed to further the dissemination of Masonic knowledge and information, knowing full well the great need and the greater opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID GRIFFITH,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To Rt. Wor. D. Griffith, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education:

Dear Sir and R.W. Bro:

I beg to submit my Report as Grand Librarian, for the Masonic Year 1946-47.

It is pleasing to report that there has been an added interest in the Library during the past year. A list of the books and pamphlets distributed are given below. This shows an increase of one hundred and seventeen over the previous year.

Encyclopaedias	39
Annuals, Year Books	2
Societies, Transactions	2
History and Philosophy	130
Symbolism	147
Church and State	2
Rites, Degrees, Manuals	50
Biography	6
History Geographical Divisions	20
General Works	4
Ceremonies	4
Jewels, Medals	1
Jurisprudence, etc.	1
Addresses, Lectures	38
Poetry and Drama	4
Music	1
Novels and Tales	34
General Works	1
Miscellaneous Non Masonry	19
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Proceedings	8
Magazines	18
Clippings	9
Bulletins	25
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	60
Books purchased during the Masonic Year 1946-47	46
Books donated during the same period	13

Forty-six books have been added to the Library during the year by purchase, and thirteen have been donated during the same period. We sincerely thank the donors for their gifts. These have been duly classified and entered in the Library Accession Book.

We should like to draw the attention of the Brethren to the fact that this is their Library. It is for their use, and we want them to take full advantage of what we have to offer. A card of Membership has been prepared, giving Membership privileges in the Library to all Master Masons in Good Standing. A commodious Reading Room is provided and the Librarian is always available during office hours.

In this my first report, might I be permitted to enquire—"Why a Masonic Library?" An investigation into the apathy of such a large percentage of our Members might reveal the fact that it is in a large measure, due to the lack of knowledge of the Principles and Philosophy of Freemasonry. No one who has any comprehensive conception of Freemasonry ever loses interest, but, on the other hand as his knowledge progresses, his interest grows. From personal observations and experience, we feel convinced that without teaching and guidance, without study of Masonic Literature, without an appreciation of the Spiritual aspects of Freemasonry, the mere recital of the Ritual, however beautiful, or the carrying out of the Ceremonies, however impressive, can never advance our ideals.

We need an educational objective, and it is only through a "Reading" and an enlightened Membership that the Fraternity's objective can be realized. Freemasonry is a Progressive Science, and its objective can only be realized by Study and Research.

The Librarian, M.W. Bro. Woods, is doing a magnificent job. His courtesy, interest, and profound knowledge of Freemasonry is worthy of all praise, and we earnestly hope that he may be long spared to continue this work in the Masonic Field.

GEORGE HUNTER,
Grand Librarian.

R.W. Bro. David Griffith (138) moved that the Report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education, including the Report of the Grand Librarian, be received and adopted, seconded by V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe (93). Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

At this time it is well, and fitting, that we should pause for a few moments to remember the passing since our last Communication of some 186 members of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Some of these brethren had had the opportunity and the privilege of serving the Craft with distinction; many simply belonged to that great body of men who comprise the rank and file of the fraternity, men who will long be remembered by their

"companions of former toil" and of course by those of even closer relationship.

This is not a time for mourning, but more for remembrance. We recall that it was Benjamin Franklin, himself a member of the craft, who penned the following words:

"Man is not 'completely born until he is dead. Why then, should we grieve that a new child is born among the immortals? That bodies should be lent us, while they can afford us pleasure, is a kind and benevolent act of God. When they become unfit for these purposes and afford us pain instead of pleasure, instead of an aid becoming an encumbrance, it is equally kind and benevolent that a way should be provided by which we may get rid of them. Death is that way.

"Our friends and we were invited abroad on a party of pleasure which is to last forever. Their chairs were ready first and they have gone before us. We could not all conveniently start together; and why should you and I be grieved at this, since we are soon to follow and know where to find them."

We would ask you all to stand a moment in silence to their memory.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON A. McMORRAN,

Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. Gordon A. McMorran (27), who moved that the Report be adopted by a standing vote of the brethren in respect to the memory of those who have passed on.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

At the last Communication of this Grand Lodge I was honored by being appointed Chairman of your Committee on Foreign Relations.

As the year has been a disturbed one to me in personal respects I have not been able to become as familiar with our work and interests in this Committee as I wished.

However, as I am now a permanent resident of Winnipeg I hope to improve in this respect if given an assignment in future

As may be readily understood the year has brought to the attention of your Committee many of the problems of Masonic Relationships in all parts of the world which are directly and indirectly the result of the war.

Most of these problems and difficulties demand our interest anxiety and sympathy but are of such a nature under present circumstances as to leave little, if any, room for our practical help.

No changes in our recognized Grand Lodges have been made or are recommended at present, and your Committee approach the new year with a hopeful prayer for Divine guidance to our great fraternity in its world-wide aspects, in its undoubtedly sincere efforts toward a solidarity based upon peace and harmony.

Respectfully submitted,
J. J. HENDERSON,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1). Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of this Committee, R.W. Bro. Kenneth R. Kennedy (4), the vice-Chairman, M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) reported briefly. Brother Kennedy had been in poor health for the past year. The Committee had met and considered some matters carefully. Brother Parker expressed what he was sure would be the thought of Grand Lodge, sympathy for Brother Kennedy in his illness and to record the earnest hope of this Grand Lodge that Brother Kennedy, who has been a valuable member of this Grand Lodge and a zealous and efficient worker in all the duties he has undertaken, would soon be restored to health and strength.

This report was received, adopted and carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR EFFORT

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4) reported that the balance in the bank under the caption "Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient,

Free and Accepted Masons "War Effort Fund" had been transferred to a Trust Account known as the "War Relief Fund Trust Account," that a Certificate to this effect had been forwarded to the Department of National Health and Welfare, War Charities Division, Ottawa, and that there will be no further activities in this behalf and all authority under the War Charities Act to solicit funds for War Charity purposes is at an end, and the Administrative Committee of the Grand Lodge is released from any further responsibilities under the War Charities Act.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), who moved that this report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey (25). Carried.

GREETINGS

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, then called on M.W. Bro. Carsten L. Jacobson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Tate, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and M.W. Bro. George Moore, P.G.M. and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, to say a few words of greetings to the brethren.

This was ably done by each of these Distinguished Guests, and the Grand Master thanked them for their kindly greetings and best wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

Grand Lodge was called from Labor to Refreshment at 4.40 p.m. by the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, to reconvene at 8.00 o'clock in the evening for the final session.

CORRECTION

The following resolution was inadvertently omitted from the record, and should be inserted in the Minutes on Page 734 of the Proceedings immediately following the report of the Election Committee.

Moved by M.W. Bro. George Hunter, seconded by M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker, that the Committee on Research and Education be requested to take all necessary steps for the purpose of having the addresses of the Grand Historian printed, and published in permanent form. Carried.

P. T. P.

Thursday, June 5th, 1947.

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Master, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters and Distinguished Visitors entered the Lodge Room, the Brethren singing the processional Hymn, "Praise my Soul, the King of Heaven."

Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, called Grand Lodge from Refreshment to Labor at 8.00 p.m. with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

At this point Bro. W. Davidson Thomson rendered a very delightful solo, and was thanked by the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his fine entertainment.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials beg to report as follows:

There are 103 Chartered Lodges on the Grand Lodge Register, 91 Lodges represented by one or more of their three Principal Officers, 12 Lodges unrepresented are, namely:

King Solomon Lodge No. 8	Midlothian Lodge No. 90
Morden Lodge No. 13	Rivers Lodge No. 115
Doric Lodge No. 36	Roblin Lodge No. 122
Birtle Lodge No. 39	Sprague Lodge No. 132
Killarney Lodge No. 50	Harmony Lodge No. 142
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	Jubilee Lodge No. 147
Russell Lodge No. 62	

Ninety-three Lodges have one or more Past Masters present, and 5 have neither Past Master nor Officer present, namely:

Birtle Lodge No. 39	Rivers Lodge No. 115
Killarney Lodge No. 50	Harmony Lodge No. 142
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	

There were present:

Past Masters	503
Worshipful Masters	78
Senior Wardens	56
Junior Wardens	44
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Registered:

Master Masons	96
Visitors	23
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Total	800
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Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRANT,
Chairman.

Presented by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3), who moved that the Report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. H. A. Innes (3). Carried.

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
1	Prince Rupert's.....	1	1	1	18	21
2	Lisgar.....	1		1	7	9
3	Ancient Landmark.....	1	1	1	13	16
4	St. John's.....	1	1	1	19	22
6	Emerson.....	1	1		4	6
7	Assiniboine.....	1	1	1	9	12
8	King Solomon.....				3	3
10	Northern Light.....		1	1	7	9
11	Gladstone.....	1		1	6	8
12	Stonewall.....	1	1	1	10	13
13	Morden.....				1	1
14	Prince of Wales.....	1		1	6	8
15	Corinthian.....	1	1		3	5
19	Brandon.....			1	5	6
24	Neepawa.....	1	1	1	6	9
25	Ionic.....	1		1	16	18
27	Glenwood.....	1	1	1	7	10
29	Carberry.....	1			3	4
30	Manitou.....		1		3	4
36	Doric.....				5	5
39	Birtle.....					
40	Deloraine.....	1			2	3
43	Lebanon.....	1	1		8	10
44	Oak Lake.....	1	1		2	4
48	Glenboro.....	1	1		3	5
49	Temple.....	1	1	1	9	12
50	Killarney.....					
51	Treherne.....	1			3	4
52	Hartney.....	1			3	4
54	Oriental.....	1	1	1	4	7
55	East Star.....	1			5	6
62	Russell.....				2	2
63	Holland.....	1	1	1		3
64	Composite.....	1		1	7	9
67	Wawanesa.....	1		1	5	8
68	Vermillion.....	1	1		2	4
70	Shiloh.....	1	1	1	6	9
71	Crystal.....	1		1	2	4
74	Elkhorn.....					
75	Gothic.....		1		5	6
77	Napinka.....	1			2	3
82	Cypress.....	1		1	3	5
84	Hamiota.....	1			2	3
86	Elgin.....		1		6	7
87	Rathwell.....	1	1	1	1	4
90	Midlothian.....				8	8
92	Shoal Lake.....		1		2	3
93	King Edward.....	1	1	1	17	20
94	Hiram.....	1			3	4
100	Robbie Burns.....		1			1
101	Binscarth.....		1			1
102	Miniota.....	1	1	1	4	7

No.	Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Total
103	Crescent	1	1		6	8
104	Reston	1			5	6
105	Prince Arthur	1		1	3	5
106	Strathclair	1			4	5
107	Lansdowne	1			3	4
108	Union	1		1	4	6
109	Swan Lake	1	1		2	4
110	Kilwinning		1	1	1	3
111	Acacia	1	1	1	10	13
112	Ophir	1			1	2
113	Tweed	1	1		8	10
114	"The Assiniboine"	1		1	12	14
115	Rivers					
116	St. Andrew's	1			2	3
117	Strathcona	1			3	4
118	Mound	1	1			2
119	Norwood	1	1	1	18	21
120	Penza	1	1	1	6	9
121	St. James	1	1		6	8
122	Roblin				1	1
123	Transcona	1	1		13	15
124	The Pas	1			1	2
125	Patricia	1			4	5
126	Favel	1			2	3
127	Empire	1	1	1	7	10
128	Victory	1	1		1	3
130	Fort Garry	1	1	1	6	9
131	Kildonan	1	1	1	8	11
132	Sprague				1	1
133	McCreary	1				1
134	Stony Mountain	1	1		7	9
136	Capitol			1	7	8
137	Lord Selkirk	1	1	1	7	10
138	Windsor	1	1	1	7	10
139	Beaver	1	1		8	10
140	Meridian	1	1	1	11	14
141	Tuscan	1	1	1	4	7
142	Harmony					
143	Mt. Sinai	1	1	1	15	18
144	Fort Osborne	1	1		2	4
145	Sturgeon Creek	1	1	1	5	8
146	Fidelity	1			4	5
147	Jubilee				2	2
148	Seven Oaks		1	1	5	7
150	Cartwright	1				1
151	The Dormer	1		1	5	7
152	Foxwarren		1	1		2
153	Flin Flon	1	1		1	3
154	Pine Falls	1	1		3	5
155	Carman	1	1		3	5
156	Manitouwapa	1			2	3
Totals		78	56	44	503	681

In the absence of R.W. Brother Rev. E. A. Syms, through illness, M.W. Bro. Archdeacon George R. Calvert very kindly addressed Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Calvert spoke on the subject "Essentials for Peace." The address was listened to with rapt attention and was followed by enthusiastic applause. The Most Worshipful Grand Master thanked M.W. Brother Calvert for his Address and for his gracious and willing acceptance of this responsibility on such short notice.

The Grand Chaplain had prepared an address and the Grand Secretary was requested to have it included in the published Proceedings. His address follows:

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:

In considering the presentation of the Grand Chaplain's address at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I began first to ask myself what I would like to speak about. But there was nothing in that category that would satisfy me. After some thinking I was confronted with the question, "What is your duty in addressing Grand Lodge as its Grand Chaplain? What does Freemasonry demand of you; and what would the brethren derive most benefit from?" So, in all sincerity, I now present my humble contribution, brief though it be, in answer to those two questions.

It is my duty, as I see it, to direct the thoughts of the brethren under the Light of the Most High, to meditate upon some of the issues that confront the world today, and to make an honest endeavour to guide our steps toward the achievement of solving at least some of the problems.

Freemasonry is a world-order with a world-influence; and I am convinced that if the individual members would but reasonably live up to their obligation, the solution of world-problems would be much more easily established.

In the Craft, we enjoy a rich and beautiful ritual of ceremony. Beautiful in the ritualistic side of our work; rich in meaning and interpretation. The beauty attracts us to a participation in the labour of Lodge meetings.

The meaning and interpretation of things Masonic, affords us ample means for the doing of those things that make life worthwhile for those who otherwise would lose their way in the labyrinth of doubts, misgivings, misunderstandings, and fears, outside of the Lodge.

To many of us are content with only a knowledge of the ritual. That is an empty thing, after all. It has no life, and therefore is dead. But Freemasonry is alive; is full of life; lives and must be lived. It is therefore necessary that we understand its meaning, and, in our daily lives present our interpretation, for the enlightenment of our fellow-man.

But some will say, "This is a secret organization, we cannot make known to the world." The Most High says, "A light is not lighted to be hid." It is so placed that men may see, not merely that which is in the immediate vicinity of the Light, but that which is to be found within the farthest range of the effectiveness of that Light. Therefore the Great Light should illuminate not only the interior of the Lodge, but also as far beyond the confines of the Lodge as the individual members travel.

There are two ways of treating those things that are revealed. First: avoiding those things that are dangerous and admiring those things that are good; or, secondly removing those things that are dangerous and developing those things that are good. This latter action demands sacrifice upon the part of the individual member. Sacrifice demands courage, fortitude, strength and patience.

If these be exercised the member is by far the better for the effort expended. If the member is better, the lodge derives benefit. If the Lodge benefits then the Craft as a whole, has its influence increased in effectiveness. If the Craft as a whole enjoys increased effectiveness, then the impact is bound to be felt in all world-questions.

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart, and soul, and mind, and strength,
To serve the King of Kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
His Kingdom tarries long;
Bring in the day of Brotherhood
And end the night of wrong."

Brethren! Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and give glory to the Most High in the Grand Lodge above.

MOTION RE HONORARY RANK

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren:

Two years have passed since V-E Day, and peace is not yet achieved. All around us, men and Nations are striving to obtain material and economic advantages, in the final adjustment of world affairs. Within the Temples of Masonry, Masons still foster and cherish those great moral truths and principles, which, if accepted and adopted by the contending Nations, would quickly resolve all the problems, both of peace and war. The acceptance and adoption of these great truths seems still to be far in the future, but some day they will be an accomplished fact.

We sense that, in the continuation and the expansion of the Fraternal relations between the various Sovereign Grand Lodges of our beloved Order and in the resultant friendships among their Members regardless of territorial environment. The contacts of many years, between the Grand Lodges of North Dakota and Manitoba have long since eliminated all such things as differences of opinion and border lines and the like, and united our Brethren in bonds of real affection and Brotherly love.

Today, it is the privilege of our Grand Lodge to honor a distinguished Member of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota in the person of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. John Storman. M.W. Bro. Storman has been attending our Communications for years, since he was Master in his Craft Lodge. He has risen to eminence in the Craft. He is with us again today.

From our daughter Grand Lodge on the West, Saskatchewan, we have two distinguished Brethren in the persons of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master W. L. Klink, and Most Worshipful Brother William Bradshaw Tate. Most Worshipful Brother Tate is the Dean of Saskatchewan Grand Masters and the Grand Secretary emeritus of that Grand Jurisdiction. His contribution to Freemasonry needs no extolling. The proud record of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is, in no small measure, due to the unselfish constructive service, down through the years, of M.W. Bro. Tate.

It is with real pleasure therefore, that I now move that the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M., do hereby confer upon Most Worshipful Brother John Storman of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota and Most Worshipful Brother William B. Tate of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan the rank of Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Presented by M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence (25). Carried.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

M.W. Bro. John Stormon, Grand Master, of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, thanked the Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren for the honor conferred on him, which he greatly appreciated.

M.W. Bro. Wm. B. Tate, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, also thanked the Most Worshipful Grand Master and brethren for this gracious honor, which he was very pleased to receive.

As a last official act, before calling for the Report of the Scrutineers, Most Worshipful Brother Maurice S. Donovan, Grand Master, presented to the District Deputy Grand Masters of his year, Certificates conferring on each of them the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master, expressing to them his thanks for their co-operation and loyalty. The Grand Master also presented Certificates to each of the Appointed Officers and conferred on each of them the rank of "Very Worshipful" and in so doing, expressed his appreciation of the service they had rendered during the past year.

REPORT OF SCRUTINEERS ON ELECTIONS

1947-48

To the M.W. the Grand Master. Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Your Board of Scrutineers, appointed to conduct the Annual Election of Officers and eight members to the Board of General Purposes for a term of two years, also District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, make report as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER the name of Harry B. Donnelly was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER the name of Walter C. McDonald was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN the name of Harry Coddington was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN three names were submitted in nomination, i.e:

Charles E. Cole
Gordon A. McMorran
Edward J. Smillie

The number of ballots cast was 667 of which 662 were valid. (5 were spoiled.) The necessary quota to elect was 332. Brother Cole received the necessary number of votes to elect.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER the name of Alexander Burgess was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY the name of Peter T. Pilkey was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND CHAPLAIN the name of E. A. Syms was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND HISTORIAN the name of William Douglas was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES the name of Hugh A. Innes was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE OFFICE OF GRAND LIBRARIAN the name of George Hunter was the only one submitted in nomination.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES fifteen names were submitted for eight vacancies (two year term) i.e:

John Bate
Fred H. Blythe
Harry H. Gray
Harry J. Harrod
Geo. V. Henderson
A. S. McCann
David McKay

Chas. A. Midwinter
W. A. Prugh
S. W. Robertson
Robert W. Ross
J. W. Tackaberry
A. E. Thompson
H. T. Waters
A. E. Weidman

The number of ballots cast was 667 of which 661 were valid. (6 were spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 74. The following named brethren received the required quota or an equivalent to elect:

1. John Bate
2. Fred. H. Blythe
3. Geo. V. Henderson
4. A. S. McCann

5. David McKay
6. C. A. Midwinter
7. W. A. Prugh
8. H. T. Waters

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

First Masonic District four names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

R. Fletcher Argue
Frank Davey
Jas. V. Dillabough
John R. Gray

The number of ballots cast was 173 of which 172 were valid. (1 was spoiled). The necessary Quota to elect was 87. Brother Argue received the quota.

Second Masonic District the name of R. J. Wallace was the only one submitted in nomination.

Third Masonic District the name of Jas. H. Hamilton was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fourth Masonic District the name of Henry R. Lawson was the only one submitted in nomination.

Fifth Masonic District the name of E. H. Clark was the only one submitted in nomination.

Sixth Masonic District the name of Harry L. Morrow was the only one submitted in nomination.

Seventh Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

James W. Broach
R. J. Timms

The number of ballots cast was 44 of which 43 were valid. (1 was spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 22. Brother Timms received the quota.

Eighth Masonic District the name of Wallace W. Casson was the only one submitted in nomination.

Ninth Masonic District the name of C. F. Drager was the only one submitted in nomination.

Tenth Masonic District two names were submitted in nomination, i.e.:

David Ferguson
Lewis E. Gendron

The number of ballots cast was 88 of which 87 were valid. (1 was spoiled). The necessary quota to elect was 44. Brother Ferguson received the quota.

Twelfth Masonic District the name of William F. Kerby was the only one submitted in nomination.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. DOUGLAS,
Chairman.

Presented by M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4), who moved that the report be adopted, seconded by R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3). Carried.

The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, thanked M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas and his Committee for their splendid work regarding the elections and declared the several Officers of Grand Lodge and the members of the Board of General Purposes duly elected, in terms of the Committee's report.

Installation Hymn—"A Charge I Have to Keep".

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, our Grand Master (113), called on M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), to assume the gavel and install the Officers of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), then called on R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), the Grand Director of Ceremonies, to assist him.

The following Grand Lodge Officers, Elected and Appointed, were duly installed in office, with the exception of the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Historian and the Grand Organist, who were re-elected to their respective Grand Lodge Offices:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS ELECTED AND APPOINTED FOR 1947-48

Grand Master	M.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly (138)	St. Vital
Deputy Grand Master	R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70)	Roland
Senior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. H. Coddington (1)	Winnipeg
Junior Grand Warden	R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole (7)	Portage la Prairie
Grand Treasurer	R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Secretary	M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25)	Winnipeg
Grand Chaplain	R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms (117)	Souris
Grand Historian	M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas (4)	Winnipeg
G.D. of Ceremonies	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3)	Winnipeg
Grand Librarian	M.W. Bro. George Hunter (10)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. Wm. H. Yarwood (102)	Miniota
Junior Grand Deacon	V.W. Bro. A. Huddleston (137)	Winnipeg
Senior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. R. E. Emmett (121)	St. James
Junior Grand Steward	V.W. Bro. John Norquay (2)	Winnipeg
Grand Organist	V.W. Bro. J. J. Lyon (130)	Winnipeg
Grand Pursuivant	V.W. Bro. A. E. Baragar (103)	Elm Creek
Grand Tyler	V.W. Bro. Syd. Foreman (4)	Winnipeg

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

1st Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. F. Argue (25)	Winnipeg
2nd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. J. Wallace (75)	Austin
3rd Masonic District	R.W. Bro. J. H. Hamilton (48)	Glenboro
4th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. R. Lawson (30)	Manitou
5th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark (14)	Minnedosa
6th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. H. L. Morrow (54)	Melita
7th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms (43)	Viriden
8th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. W. Casson (120)	Greenridge
9th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager (128)	Benito
10th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. D. Ferguson (156)	Moosehorn
12th Masonic District	R.W. Bro. W. F. Kerby (145)	Sturg. Creek

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald (70), Deputy Grand Master, St. Vital

VICE-PRESIDENT

R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington (1), Senior Grand Warden, Winnipeg

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M.W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite (10), Past Grand Master, Edmonton
 M.W. Bro. James Scroggie (10), Past Grand Master, Vancouver
 M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher (10), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. E. T. Greenway (71), Past Grand Master, Crystal City
 M.W. Bro. Albert J. Hatcher (19), Past Grand Master, Brandon
 M.W. Bro. Justice W. J. Major (25), Past Grand Master,

Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Jas. S. MacEwing (51), Past Grand Master, Treherne
 M.W. Bro. Albert L. Crossin (10), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Jabez Miller (25), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. William Douglas (4), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. George Hunter (40 and 10), Past Grand Master,

Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. N. J. Black (3), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods (90), Past Grand Master, St. Vital
 M.W. Bro. Jas. Mackie (4), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Geo. N. Weir (No. 60, G.R.S.) Hon. P.G.M., Victoria
 M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt (130), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (4), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd (140), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Robert Hawkins (68), Past Grand Master, Dauphin
 M.W. Bro. Wm. D. Lawrence (25), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson (102), Past Grand Master, St. James
 M.W. Bro. Ven. Archdeacon G. R. Calvert (1), P.G.M., Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Judge S. H. Fahrni (11), P.G.M., Portage la Prairie
 M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker (4), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Samuel Burland (12), Past Grand Master, St. Vital
 M.W. Bro. Dr. Peter T. Pilkey (25), Past Grand Master, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan (113), Past Grand Master, Brandon
 R.W. Bro. Chas. E. Cole (7), Junior Grand Warden,

Portage la Prairie
 R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess (3), Grand Treasurer, Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Dr. P. T. Pilkey (25), Grand Secretary, Winnipeg
 R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms (117), Grand Chaplain, Souris
 R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), G.D. of Ceremonies, Winnipeg

W. Bro. A. E. Boyle (114), Honorary Member	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr (113), Honorary Member	Brandon
R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green (143), Honorary Member	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. R. Fletcher Argue (25), D.D.G.M. 1st. Mas. Dis.	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. R. J. Wallace (75), D.D.G.M. 2nd Mas. Dis.	Austin
R.W. Bro. James H. Hamilton (48), D.D.G.M. 3rd Mas. Dis.	Glenboro
R.W. Bro. W. R. Lawson (30), D.D.G.M. 4th Mas. Dis.	Manitou
R.W. Bro. Dr. E. H. Clark (14), D.D.G.M. 5th Mas. Dis.	Minnedosa
R.W. Bro. Harry L. Morrow (54) D.D.G.M. 6th Mas. Dis.	Melita
R.W. Bro. R. J. Timms (43), D.D.G.M. 7th Mas. Dis.	Virden
R.W. Bro. Wm. W. Casson (120), D.G.G.M. 8th Mas. Dis.	Greenridge
R.W. Bro. C. F. Drager (128), D.G.G.M 9th Mas. Dis.	Benito
R.W. Bro. David Ferguson (156), D.D.G.M. 10th, Mas. Dis.	Moosehorn
R.W. Bro. Wm. F. Kerby (145), D.D.G.M 12th Mas. Dis.	Sturgeon Creek

ELECTED BY GRAND LODGE IN 1946

For a Two-Year Term.

R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle (2)	Selkirk
R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant (3)	Winnipeg
W. Bro. J. F. Irwin (24)	Neepawa
R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower (67)	Wawanesa
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman (93)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope (127)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Geo. P. Fairbairn (130)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Dave Griffith (138)	St Vital

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For a Two-Year Term.

R.W. Bro. Dr. A. S. McCann (4)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. Harvey T. Waters (25)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. John Bate (50)	Killarney
R.W. Bro. Geo. V. Henderson (106)	Strathclair
R.W. Bro. Chas. A. Midwinter (111)	Winnipeg
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh (113)	Brandon
R.W. Bro. David MacKay (140)	Winnipeg
V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe (93)	Winnipeg

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The centre name in the first line is Chairman of the
Committee, 1947-48

JURISPRUDENCE AND APPEALS

R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green

M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker	R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman
M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence	R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

R.W. Bro. David Griffith

M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas	R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods	R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope
M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland	R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes
R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole	V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe
W. Bro. A. E. Boyle	

CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

R.W. Bro. C. E. Cole

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson	R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington	R.W. Bro. David MacKay
R.W. Bro. J. J. Bannerman	R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate	R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters
R.W. Bro. David Griffith	V.W. Bro. Fred H. Blythe

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M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson

M.W. Bro. N. J. Black	M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods	W. Bro. J. F. Irwin

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

M.W. Bro. George Hunter

M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence	M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert
M.W. Bro. D. S. Woods	

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

R.W. Bro. H. T. Waters

R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes	R.W. Bro. C. A. Midwinter
R.W. Bro. W. A. Prugh	R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower

FRATERNAL DEAD

	R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms
M.W. Bro. H. E. Bletcher	R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
M.W. Bro. Sam. Burland	W. Bro. J. F. Irwin

CORRESPONDENCE

R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr

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	R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington
R.W. Bro. Alex Burgess	R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn
R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes	R.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
R.W. Bro. R. M. Muckle	

BENEVOLENCE

	M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas	M.W. Bro. George Hunter
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods	M.W. Bro. W. J. Major
M.W. Bro. Geo. R. Calvert	

INVESTMENTS

	M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt
M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd	R.W. Bro. Alex Burgess
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker	R.W. Bro. Harry Coddington

CREDENTIALS AND ELECTION

	M.W. Bro. J. C. Grant
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas	R.W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr
R.W. Bro. David MacKay	

RECEPTION AND ARRANGEMENTS

	M.W. Bro. John T. Boyd
M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas	M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence
M.W. Bro. Harry Woods	M.W. Bro. W. J. Major
M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker	

CONSTITUTION AND REVISION

	R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green
M.W. Bro. N. J. Black	R.W. Bro. J. D. Harrower
M.W. Bro. J. J. Henderson	R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann
R.W. Bro. J. C. Bate	W. Bro. A. E. Boyle

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WAR EFFORT

	M.W. Bro. Ben. C. Parker
M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan	R.W. Bro. G. V. Henderson
R.W. Bro. Jas. Wardrope	

The Grand Master, President of the Board of General Purposes
and the Grand Secretary are, ex-officio, members of all
Committees

FORM OF BEQUEST

FOR THE BENEVOLENT ENDOWMENT FUND
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

The following form of Bequest may be used by any Brother desiring to bequeath any sum for the benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of Grand Lodge:

"I give unto my Executor or Executors the sum of(\$) upon trust to pay the same to the Grand Secretary for the time being, of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, for the purposes and benefit of the Benevolent Endowment Fund of the said Grand Lodge, and I declare that the receipt for such sum, of the said Grand Secretary shall be an absolute discharge for such payment.

.....Signed."

The Lodge Secretary will bring this to the attention of the brethren either at the Lodge Meeting or in the Monthly Notice.

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, retiring Grand Master, presented M.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, newly installed Grand Master with a Grand Master's Apron on behalf of the Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Donnelly suitably acknowledged the Regalia of Office in a brief address, expressing his sincere thanks of the honor conferred upon him, and his acknowledgment of the responsibilities of the office, stating that during his year of office he would give of his very best to the service of the Craft, and solicited the co-operation of the members of Grand Lodge to make the year before us a year of real progress throughout the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Master then addressed M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan in a few well chosen words of congratulation and thanks for his service to the Grand Lodge for the past year, and on behalf of the Grand Lodge presented him with a Past Master's Jewel, for which M.W. Bro. Donovan expressed his thanks.

M.W. Bro. Donnelly thanked the Grand Installing Master, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods (130) and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.W. Bro. Hugh A. Innes (3), for the beauty and dignity with which they had conducted the Installation Ceremony.

R.W. Bro. Charles E. Cole (7), newly elected Junior Grand Warden, thanked Grand Lodge, on behalf of the newly elected Officers, for the confidence expressed in their election, and R.W. Bro. W. F. Kerby, D.D.G.M. of the Twelfth Masonic District, on behalf of the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters promised full support to the Grand Master in discharging their duties in the best interests of the Craft.

V.W. Brother E. A. Baragar, on behalf of the appointed officers, thanked the Grand Master for having appointed him to office in Grand Lodge. They were looking forward to the pleasure of working with the Grand Master, and other Grand Lodge Officers in the best interests of the Fraternity.

CLOSING HYMN

"Abide With Me."

The business of the Seventy-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Manitoba, having been completed, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form by the newly installed Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Harry B. Donnelly, with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain, at 10.30 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand Secretary

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worship Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit to you for your approval, my report as your representative for the First Masonic District for the year 1946-1947.

I appointed W. Bro. E. Howard Brown, St. John's Lodge No. 4, as my Secretary and W. Bro. Herbert Mitchison, Norwood Lodge No. 119, as Chaplain. These brethren with V.W. Bro. W. Percy White, St. John's Lodge No. 4, who was elected Treasurer, constituted the District Officers for the year.

In order that the various Masters become better acquainted, and have an opportunity of assisting each other in solving their various problems, I held two supper meetings in the Masonic Temple in September and October to which all Masters, Wardens and Secretaries were invited. At these meetings all problems of importance were brought up and the programme of our District Meeting was discussed. The attendance was excellent and great interest was shown. The same procedure was followed in the early part of 1947, and we have arranged to have our final District Meeting June 4th, as a supper meeting at the hotel before Grand Lodge re-convenes in the evening, to get a better attendance and review our work. I am of the opinion that these meetings were of great benefit to all concerned as they brought together the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries and gave them an excellent opportunity for interchange of ideas.

My official visits were made as follows:

Tuesday, October 1st, 1946

"The Assiniboine" Lodge No. 114

Wednesday, October 9th, 1946 St. James Lodge No. 121

Thursday, October 10th, 1946 Norwood Lodge No. 119

Wednesday, October 16th, 1946

King Edward Lodge No. 93

Monday, October 28th, 1946 Empire Lodge No. 127

Monday, January 6th, 1947 Ionic Lodge No. 25

Thursday, January 16th, 1947

Northern Light Lodge No. 10

Tuesday, January 21st, 1947

Prince Rupert's Lodge No. 1

Wednesday, February 5th, 1947 St. John's Lodge No. 4

Wednesday, February 12th, 1947. . . Acacia Lodge No. 111

Monday, February 17th, 1947

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3

On all my Official Visits, I was accompanied by a large number of Masters, Past Masters, and Grand Lodge Officers, and was always received with Grand Honors and given a very cordial welcome. On every occasion I was assured of the very high esteem and affection, in which you were held by the respective Lodges, all of which was very evident. I only witnessed Degree Work on two of these evenings, as I expressed my desire that no Degree Work be done on regular nights, that this meeting, where at all possible, be left open for other matters of importance such as instruction of the brethren in Masonic matters and Masonic addresses. As in my opinion no address of any importance should be given after 10:00 p.m., if it is to receive the attention and hearing it should and the thoughts carried away as intended.

On my Official Visits I gave each lodge a short and different address on some appropriate Masonic subject, which was always well received and close attention given. These subjects are reported in my Lodge reports. I made a second and to some a third visit to witness Degree work and might say it was well done in each case, showing that the officers were interested in this part of their work making the degrees very impressive.

In addition to my casual visits, I attended a number of special meetings such as "Canadian Night" at "The Assiniboine" Lodge; "Manitoba Night" St. John's Lodge; "Memorial Service" Ionic Lodge; "New Year's Reception" Norwood Lodge; "Irish Night", at King Edward Lodge; "Special Night," at Prince Rupert's Lodge; at which R.W. Bro. Archdeacon Gower-Rees, delivered a powerful Masonic address; District Meeting No. 3, Treherne; The 70th Anniversary, Emerson Lodge No. 6; The 25th Anniversary, Windsor Lodge No. 138; The District meeting, Twelfth Masonic District as well as several "Ladies' Nights" and At Homes and Banquets, which were very fine affairs of a high order and served a very special Masonic purpose.

Arrangements have been made to hold our annual Divine Service in Westminster United Church on Sunday Morning, April 27, 1947, at 11:00 a.m. This service will be conducted by Bro. Dr. E. M. Howse, all lodges have been notified early and we expect a record attendance and we know we will all receive a very instructive and intellectual address on this occasion.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Tuesday, October 29, 1946, at 8:00 p.m. sharp. It was well at-

tended and great interest shown. Important matters were discussed, such as—(1) Conducting the business of the lodge; (2) Our recent Initiates; (3) Why do men become Masons; (4) My reaction to reading Grand Lodge proceedings 1946; The subjects were especially well taken up by the Masters, recent Past Masters and a Senior Warden, and I wish now to congratulate them on the splendid way in which they took hold of their subjects, also give them credit for the splendid and successful meeting. To my old friend W. Bro. Dr. Samuel Elkin was presented his 50 Year Jewel by you, Sir. The evening was crowned a success by your own gracious presence and the very excellent address you gave us, which we all very much appreciated and enjoyed.

OBSERVATIONS

(1). Regular Meetings. This meeting is the one important night of each month and it should be made so, and not crammed with Degree work each night, even in these times when so many applicants are asking for admission. This really applies to the city lodges, where an emergent night can be arranged in most cases. In the country lodges it may be different on account of the long distances members have to come and other reasons, but even then a few meetings can be reserved for real Masonic instruction and Light. I recommend that an hour be given at Grand Lodge Communication for the discussion of this matter, which in my opinion is of vital importance if we are to progress Masonically.

(2). Investigation. At present the investigation of applicants to the Order is not nearly thorough enough. The telephone is too frequently resorted to instead of personal contact. Objections, when received by a lodge are passed up and not gone into thoroughly, lack of interest on the part of the Masters, Secretaries and committees happens too often. I has been strongly brought to my notice this year. It is QUALITY, not QUANTITY we want and the Masters, Secretaries and committees should be impressed and instructed on the importance of this matter.

(3). The Master's Page. A great opportunity for the Masters to get across a real message to the members of his lodge, no matter where they reside. It can be an insert or a special master's page in the lodge notice, reserved for that purpose. It is done in some lodges now with fine results.

(4). The Junior Warden. We are told in the constitution—that the Junior Warden is in charge of the craft during the refreshment hour and when lodge is not in session. Yet it only applies in few lodges. According to this the Junior Warden

should be chairman and have complete charge of the refreshment hour at all times with the approval of the Master. This gives the Master the opportunity of being the real Host he should be to his guests, distinguished and otherwise, and has great merit for the betterment of the lodge and Masonry.

(5). Prayer in Closing. This is an important matter, considering the meaning of Masonry and that we are a Religious Order. Some lodges do not do this. It should be compulsory, if we ask for guidance to carry on the business of the Lodge, surely we need guidance while away from the lodge influence.

(6). A Lodge of Education. I would suggest that a lodge of Education be formed in the very near future. It could be the same as any other Lodge, except that there need be no Initiation fees, or any degree work be done. Any Master Mason in good standing could join, but it would be mostly for the instruction of junior officers and Master Masons in things Masonic. It would also serve to have Master Masons do some research work and give them an opportunity to tell their findings at meetings and pass them on to their own lodges. It would be a good training ground for new officers and give them guidance and knowledge and go a long way to making better and more efficient Masters. To begin with it would be a good idea to limit membership to say fifty and increase as interest is shown. This in my opinion is a great need in this jurisdiction.

(7). District Deputy Grand Masters. I would suggest that this year or next at the latest that the District Deputy Grand Master be elected a year ahead of taking office, calling him District Deputy Grand Master-Elect, to take office a year later. He would then have ample time to prepare himself and arrange his year's work in a proper way and give better service. This is a very important office. Without proper preparation, or knowledge of his real duties he is asked to run for this office, we should remember that the best Masons do not always expect to be asked to run for office. The Deputy Grand Master has three years in which to prepare, yet the District Deputy, who is of importance, next to the Grand Master himself has only three months. I strongly recommend this change as I believe it will be a great benefit to Masonry in many ways, also give a higher grade of District Deputy Grand Master.

(8). New Masons. From September 1st, 1944, to March 31st, 1947, we have received into the lodges of this District 268 new members between the ages of 21 and 35 years. Here is one of the greatest opportunities to make real Masons. At present what are we offering them besides degree work? Although this is important, it is not nearly enough if we are to hold them and make good and useful Masons out of them. A lodge as I men-

tioned above or a strong committee of intelligent Masons on Education should be formed in each lodge under the direction of Grand Lodge on a Lodge of Education before these young Masons drift into the so-called higher bodies or become indifferent to their great duty to the Craft. We have much for all Masons to do if only our Great Teachings and Principles are impressed on them early, not only in the Craft but in their duty to the Community.

I wish to thank and pay tribute to the courtesy and kindness of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, Librarian, who at all times were ready and willing to give counsel and in many ways rendered assistance when called upon.

I desire also to place on record my deep appreciation and thanks to the District Officers, V.W. W. Percy White, Treasurer; W. Bro. Herbert Mitchison, Chaplain; and to W. Bro. Howard Brown, my untiring Secretary, all performed their duties in a very efficient, helpful and capable manner; to W. Bro. Ned Boyle who accompanied me on practically all of my visitations and who acted as my master of ceremonies; to R.W. Bro. James Wardrope, immediate Past D.D.G.M. and that old and faithful friend and 50-year Mason Bro. Archie Muggach, and to the various Grand Lodge Officers, Masters and Past Masters who accompanied me in such large numbers on my visits.

In conclusion I wish to express to the brethren of the Masonic District deep gratitude for the great honor they conferred upon me in electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master, and I assure you and them, Most Worshipful Sir, that it has been one of the greatest pleasures to serve in that capacity during the year 1946-1947 and I acknowledge having received the fullest support and co-operation at all times.

Faternally submitted,

A. S. McCANN,
First Masonic District.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor as your representative to submit for your approval, my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District for the term 1946-47.

I have had a most pleasant task while making my official visits to the following lodges:

Assiniboine No. 7, Portage la Prairie,	October 21st, 1946
Gladstone No. 11, Gladstone.....	October 14th, 1946
Neepawa No. 24, Neepawa.....	December 10th, 1946
Carberry No. 29, Carberry.....	April 29th, 1947
Temple No. 49, MacGregor.....	November 19th, 1946
Gothic No. 75, Austin.....	December 11th, 1946
Union No. 108, Brookdale.....	November 7th, 1946
St. Andrew's No. 116, Wellwood..	November 11th, 1946
McCreary No. 133, McCreary.....	October 10th, 1946

I was favored and indeed very fortunate in having the assistance of W. Bro. C. P. Rogers as District Secretary. I also felt honored to have R.W. Bro. Wm Cairns of Temple Lodge as District Chaplain, and while he was not able to act as Chaplain at the District Meeting, his presence was an inspiration to those in attendance.

On each official visit I was accompanied by a goodly number of Brethren from my Mother Lodge to whom I owe a debt of gratitude for their generous support during my term of office and I would like to acknowledge, with thanks to all the lodges in the District, the fine spirit of co-operation that has prevailed in all my visits.

I had intended at the outset to visit each Lodge at least twice but owing to the severe winter, road conditions and the busy season, I have only been able to make four extra visits in the allotted time which has seemed all too short.

I found in all lodges a decided increase in membership and degree teams quite busy, in some cases carrying their activities well into the next day. I would recommend that more Emergent meetings be held to overcome the crowding of too much degree work into one meeting, both for the good of the Candidates and all Brethren concerned.

The District Meeting at Carberry on October 2nd, was well attended with a total of 138 registered. The afternoon session was mainly concerned with the affairs of the District and provided many interesting and lively discussions. The Banquet which followed was provided by the Ladies of the Carberry brethren. The evening session was devoted to the reception of the Grand Lodge Officers which included M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, V.W. Bro. F. H. Blythe and V.W. Bro. A. Clark. Our Grand Master delighted all present with a very fine address which was followed by remarks by all the Grand Lodge Officers present.

I have noticed in making my visits that many of the Lodges have redecorated or made alterations to their lodge rooms which shows progress as well as being pleasing to the eye. McCreary Lodge No. 133 has really taken a step forward in the erection of a new home and when completed will compare favorably with any Lodge in our District. These brethren are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Although membership has increased in the District, several brethren have been called to their reward and will be sadly missed. Among these was R.W. Bro. H. T. Trethewey of Temple Lodge No. 49.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of this District for the confidence they expressed in electing me to this office and to you M.W. Sir, for your confirmation of same. I hope and trust that any efforts I have made for the good of this District will meet with your approval.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Fraternally yours,

W. M. FROMM,
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I regard it an honor and privilege to submit, for your consideration and approval my report as District Deputy for the Third Masonic District for the year 1946-1947.

After your confirmation of my appointment I selected W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman as District Secretary and Bro. Rev. William Bill as District Chaplain, both of Treherne Lodge No. 51.

Our first visit was to a most pleasing and happy event—the 50th Anniversary of Holland Lodge No. 63 held on June 10th, 1946. A dinner and excellent programme featured the occasion. A gold-mounted cane was presented by R.W. Bro. C. Wiechman of Treherne Lodge No. 51 to R.W. Bro. F. H. Dagg of Holland Lodge No. 63, as a token of appreciation for his thirty-three years of continuous service as Secretary of Holland Lodge. Among the many visitors were R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Senior Grand Warden, and R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Grand Chaplain.

The District meeting was held in Treherne on July 26th, 1946, and despite very warm weather there was a record attendance of 140; all lodges in the district were well represented. Among Grand Lodge officers present were the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Bro. M. S. Donovan, R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master; M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. Rev. E. A. Syms, Grand Chaplain; R.W. Bro. A. S. McCann, D.D.G.M. First District; R.W. Bro. H. H. Gray, D.D.G.M. Twelfth District. The register carried the names of many distinguishad visitors from Winnipeg and surrounding districts.

The afternoon session dealt with routine District business. Following the luncheon, The Most Worshipful the Grand Master gave a very interesting and instructive address. He was followed by addresses from other Grand Lodge officers. We think that this meeting was a real success and much appreciated by all present.

My Official visits to the various Lodges, on which I was accompanied on all occasions by W. Bro. J. G. Wiechman, District Secretary, and Bro. Rev. Wm. Bill, District Chaplain, were held as follows:

October 8th, 1946	Strathcona Lodge No. 117
November 4th, 1946	Wawanesa Lodge No. 67
November 6th, 1946	Swan Lake Lodge No. 109
November 7th, 1946	Cypress Lodge No. 82
November 12th, 1946	Glenboro Lodge No. 48
December 3rd, 1946	Rathwell Lodge No. 87
December 4th, 1946	Crescent Lodge No. 103
December 6th, 1946	Treherne Lodge No. 51
December 11th, 1946	Holland Lodge No. 63

At every meeting I received a very cordial welcome and found every lodge active and filling its place as a power in the community. All lodges but one show a marked increase in membership and the one exception granted five dimits to members who had left the district.

On the second visit to Wawanesa Lodge No. 67 on April 28th, 1947, we were very pleased to find the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Bro. M. S. Donovan and suite present and again, on the following night at Strathcona Lodge No. 117, Belmont, we had the pleasure of the same company including R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Grand Chaplain. We fully realize the many calls on your time, Most Worshipful Sir, and deeply appreciate the opportunity of meeting you at these two meetings in the Third Masonic District.

Before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in June, I will have made further visits to all lodges in the District.

It was my very great privilege to visit with and witness the Installation of Officers on December 27th, 1946, in Nickle Lodge No. 427, Grand Lodge of Canada in Sudbury, Ontario. I was introduced by V.W. Bro. W. E. W. Cressey, Grand Senior Steward, R.W. Bro. A. C. Mudge, P.D.D.G.M. and R.W. Bro. Chas. Ebey, P.D.D.G.M. and received a very hearty welcome. This was a most interesting and happy visit.

Plans are being made for a District Church Service at Treherne on Sunday, June 1st, in the United Church. Bro. Rev. Wm. Bill. District Chaplain will conduct the service.

Owing to last minute business duties I was unable to attend the Area Meeting at Portage la Prairie on May 8th, which I regretted very much.

May I again say that Freemasonry in the Third Masonic District is making steady progress and that harmony prevails in all lodges.

Finally sir, I wish to express to you and to all the Brethren of the Third Masonic District my sincere thanks and appreciation for the loyal and generous support given to me during my term of office. Also I would thank those members of my own lodge who accompanied me on the visits.

The past year has been full of rich experience and helpful education for myself and I have made many new friends. May I express the hope that my efforts to serve you as District Deputy Grand Master will measure up to your expectations.

Fraternally submitted,

H. A. ADAIR,
D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

As your representative in the Fourth Masonic District for the year 1946-7, I am pleased to report a year of splendid progress under prosperous and harmonious surroundings. I was most favorably impressed with the very keen sense of appreciation displayed by lodge members, of the opportunities presented for outstanding service in all communities during this post-war reconstruction period, the excellent work accomplished in assisting the rehabilitation of ex-service men and

their dependants, and in taking a leading part in all community efforts.

In accordance with the high honor and dignity of the office of District Deputy Grand Master, it was my privilege to be received most cordially on the occasion of my official visits to all lodges on the following dates:

Manitou Lodge No. 30, Manitou	September 23rd, 1946
Mound Lodge No. 118, Pilot Mound	September 26th, 1946
Crystal Lodge No. 71, Crystal City	October 8th, 1946
Cartwright Lodge No. 150, Cartwright	October 17th, 1946
Morden Lodge No. 13, Morden	October 19th, 1946
Killarney Lodge No. 50, Killarney	April 14th, 1947
Doric Lodge No. 36, Boissevain	April 22nd, 1947

The kind attention with which my address was received gave me confidence and inspiration.

It was my pleasure to witness the exemplification of the several degrees at all lodges visited in the Fourth District, on all occasions the work was done with dignity and a most impressive manner. It is a matter of sincere regret that I was not able to visit the lodges more frequently, this inability, to a large extent, is due to geographic inconveniences, I also regret that it was only possible to attend one meeting of the Board of General Purposes.

I found all lodges in a very active and healthy condition, a gratifying feature of the years' review is the large number of young men of excellent type being received into Masonry. Visitations between lodges appear to be increasing now that war-time restrictions have been removed, this very commendable fraternal gesture should be encouraged.

The District meeting held at Boissevain on October 23rd, was highly successful. Your presence, Most Worshipful Sir, with Grand Lodge Officers and distinguished visitors, was a source of inspiration to all present, the splendid reports presented by the Lodge Secretaries showed good progress and increased activity in lodge and community work. R.W. Bro. Leslie of Morden Lodge No. 13 made a distinct contribution to the District meeting, in delivering a brilliant and most instructive address on the significance of Freemasonry and the responsibilities of the individual to his lodge and to Masonry in general, an interesting feature of the evening session was the presentation of a Past District Deputy Grand Master's Apron to

R.W. Bro. Murdo Maclean of Morden Lodge No. 13 and the Fifty Year Jewel to R.W. Bro. W. J. Saunders and W. Bro. Angus McQueen, both of Killarney Lodge No. 50. This pleasant duty, Most Worshipful Sir, you performed in a very delightful and pleasing manner.

I wish in this report to express thanks to W. Bro. H. L. Gamble for his kind and able assistance to me and for his most efficient work as District Secretary, to W. Bro. H. L. Newton for ably officiating as District Chaplain, to all lodges of the Fourth District for their kind co-operation and generous support given me throughout my term of office, and to all brethren for their confidence in selecting me for nomination as their choice for your representative, and you, Most Worshipful Sir, for confirming same; it has been an honor and privilege that I shall always remember with gratitude.

Fraternally submitted,

CLIFFORD N. MAINS.
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District for the past year which has been one of genuine pleasure and I feel that by the friends I have made I have been enriched by the enlarged acquaintances which have come to me in the discharge of my duties. I was very much impressed by the number that turned out on my official visits, some coming two and three times and one brother attended six of my official visits. The District meeting was held at Russell on July 31st, 1946. The attendance was very good but not what was expected. The weather was very hot, I think one of the hottest days of the year. The Grand Lodge officers present were:

M.W. Bro. M. S. Donovan, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary.

R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms, Grand Chaplain.

R.W. Bro. H. B. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master.

At the afternoon session, called for 3:00 p.m., after reading the minutes of the previous District Meeting held at Rivers, on October 2nd, 1945, reports were received from the secretaries

of the different Lodges in the District and they were followed by a very able address by M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey on "The Significance of Freemasonry." The Lodge then closed to attend the complimentary supper in the basement of the United Church.

At the evening session the Grand Master and his suite were introduced by R.W. Bro. George V. Henderson. The Grand Master gave an eloquent address on Freemasonry. This was well received and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by R.W. Bro. George V. Henderson and enthusiastically approved by the meeting. A happy feature was the presentation by the Grand Master of the regalia to the immediate P.D.D.G.M., R.W. Bro. T. W. Offen, with suitable words of commendation for the efficient manner in which he had fulfilled his duties. The claim of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund was recognized with a substantial sum as an offering. During the serving of supper between the sessions, short speeches, toasts and greetings provided social intercourse and genuine pleasure.

My official visits were made as follows:

October 10th.....	Shoal Lake Lodge No. 92
October 17th.....	Harmony Lodge No. 142
October 22nd.....	Hamiota Lodge No. 84
October 24th.....	Miniota Lodge No. 102
October 28th.....	Rivers Lodge No. 115
November 5th.....	Corinthian Lodge No. 15
November 6th.....	Foxwarren Lodge No. 152
November 12th.....	Russell Lodge No. 62
November 14th.....	Prince of Wales Lodge No. 14
November 18th.....	Birtle Lodge No. 39
November 19th.....	Strathclair Lodge No. 106
December 16th.....	Binscarth Lodge No. 101

In all cases I received a most cordial reception and will always remember the genuine pleasure I received and the interest taken by the brethren of the different Lodges. I have not been able to attend the meetings of the Board of General Purposes in Winnipeg up to the present but hope to attend the next one on April 18th, 1947.

I found all Lodges active and making good progress.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. McKINNON,
D.D.G.M.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worship Sir:

I beg to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1946-47.

I paid one Official visit to each Lodge in the District and I am very pleased to report Freemasonry in a good, thrifty condition everywhere throughout the District. The Minute Books are well kept; Elgin, Hartney, Reston and Glenwood Lodges are the only ones who keep their Historical Registers posted to date. All Lodges are in a good financial position. Two more lodges have completed the purchase of new Lodge Halls, namely, Kilwinning No. 110 and Deloraine No. 40. All lodges are very active, and there has been a good increase in membership in every lodge. The majority of the new members are young men and show a keen interest in Masonic work. The Officers of all lodges, where I saw degrees conferred, seemed very anxious to do good and impressive work.

There has been, as I mentioned before, considerable degree work and as a result, the work of the Study Clubs has been sadly neglected. We hope, however, this will not be for long, as the applications for membership seems to be slackening off.

At each and every meeting I attended I stressed the importance of inter-lodge visits and the importance of Freemasonry in the Community.

I would like to mention three meetings of special importance, which I attended in company with the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan. First the opening of the new Temple at Minto on July 8th. This was indeed a red letter day for Kilwinning Lodge No. 110 and they had many visitors from surrounding lodges. At this meeting Glenwood Lodge No. 27 took the opportunity to present the Travelling Register of the Sixth Masonic District.

The second occasion was the Fortieth Anniversary of Reston Lodge No. 104 on July 11th. There were visitors from all the neighboring lodges and many from a distance including a goodly representation from several lodges in the Grand Lodge of North Dakota.

Hartney Lodge No. 52 also celebrated their Fifty-fifth Anniversary on September 15th. This was an outstanding event not only for Hartney, but for the Sixth Masonic District, for at this

meeting they not only had a splendid Masonic get-together, but they were honored by a visit from the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, who was accompanied by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, M.W. Bro. John Storman, who favored the gathering with a most inspiring address.

It is difficult to describe these special meetings in detail but they were each memorable occasions, and gatherings such as these are a great inspiration to our Masonic Order.

Our Annual District Meeting was held at Hartney on October 22nd. There was a good average attendance, 89. We had expected more, but the harvesting prevented many from attending. M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan and R.W. Bro. Walter C. McDonald represented the Grand Lodge. They were accompanied by R.W. Bro. Hugh Kerr and R.W. Bro. C. N. Mains, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District.

The eight Lodges of the District each gave a summary of their activities for the past year, and all were quite proud of their progress. Several of the Secretaries are to be complimented on their reports, in the manner they were compiled and presented. There was the usual banquet at 6.30 o'clock. This feature was enjoyed by all present, and always adds to the fraternal side of the meeting.

Our Labor was resumed at 8:00 p.m. and there were many interesting discussions on Masonic topics, after which our M.W. Grand Master delivered another of his very splendid Masonic Addresses.

As mentioned before Kilwinning and Deloraine Lodges now bring the number of Lodges owning their own halls up to four. These two new buildings are not only an asset to their respective communities but show how Freemasonry is appreciated in their local Districts.

I made several unofficial visits to several of the Lodges in the District and had the pleasure of accepting R.W. Bro. Harry H. Gray's invitation to attend the District Meeting of the Twelfth Masonic District. I enjoyed this meeting very much as it was my first visit with our City brethren.

Finally, I must thank all those who so ably and kindly assisted me through my year—W. Bro. R. H. Gibson and Bro. E. H. Mills my secretaries and Bro. A. Frieibert, our District Chaplain, and the many Past District Deputy Grand Masters whose advice and counsel I greatly appreciate and not forgetting the cordial receptions tendered me on every occasion.

I wish to thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the example you have set in service and for your advice and friendship.

Fraternally submitted,

JAS. C. DUTHIE,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as your Deputy in the Seventh Masonic District for the year 1946-1947. Although I entered upon my duties with a certain amount of apprehension, based upon a sense of responsibility to you and the Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District, that feeling was dispelled by the friendly encouragement given me as I travelled round the District, making the duties pleasant and the time too short. I am indeed pleased to report that in all Lodges in this District harmony prevails, and a progressive spirit is shown by all.

I officially visited all Lodges in the District on dates shown addressing the Brethren on the Principles and duties of Freemasonry.

Oak Lake Lodge No. 44	October 10th, 1946
Lansdowne Lodge No. 107	October 23rd, 1946
Elkhorn Lodge No. 74	October 22nd, 1946
Lebanon Lodge No. 43	November 5th, 1946
Composite Lodge No. 64	November 28th, 1946
Brandon Lodge No. 19	January 14th, 1947
Tweed Lodge No. 113	January 21st, 1947

On all occasions I was received with respect and courtesy due to the office I held as your representative. I also had the privilege of making several unofficial visits during the year at which I saw the work put on in a creditable manner by the Lodges, at all times receiving a most cordial welcome.

May I respectfully state that I feel that where Lodges have Study Clubs, or have time to discuss Masonic papers, there seems to be a better average attendance. Where Lodges have so much Degree work that time is not available for study or instruction the newly raised Mason will soon tire of attending. The smaller Lodges have an advantage in this respect for they

have the time to instruct their initiates in the Principles of Freemasonry.

This, Most Worshipful Sir, may provide food for thought in our larger Lodges, as it is not to the best interests of Freemasonry for Lodges to concentrate wholly on Degree Work at regular meetings and neglect the finer principles of the Craft. Less Degree Work at regular meetings, and more fraternity will induce the young Mason to come out to Lodge, and thus benefit the Craft in general.

That Freemasonry and Religion go hand in hand was shown by the splendid attendance at the District Church Service held in Oak Lake on May 19th, 1946, and arrangements have been made for this year's Divine Service at Oak Lake, when the Grand Chaplain R.W. Brother Rev. E. A. Syms will be the speaker. All Lodges have been notified regarding this service.

The District Meeting was held at Oak Lake, October 24th, 1946, with ninety-four registered although one hundred and twelve were in attendance at the banquet.

Your attendance with your Deputy was gratefully appreciated, Most Worshipful Sir, and your address was a most inspiring one for which I would express the thanks of all who were privileged to be present.

All Lodges gave their reports showing that the District is in sound condition, although the attendance of Brethren at this their District Meeting was not all that could be desired.

At this meeting, Most Worshipful Sir, your Grand Chaplain R.W. Bro. E. A. Syms gave an address on Freemasonry and its implications worthy of his office as leader of religious thought in Freemasonry in Manitoba.

May I in surrendering my office to my successor thank you, Most Worshipful Sir, for the confidence you placed in me in installing me as your District Deputy for the Seventh Masonic District for the past year.

I sincerely trust that I have been of some small service to you and Freemasonry during my term of office, and before surrendering my office, Most Worshipful Sir, may I take the opportunity of thanking R.W. Brother P. W. Paul the District Secretary for his support and assistance in accompanying me on most of my visits and who encouraged me both generously and loyally at all times, also all those who so ably assisted me to carry out the duties of that high office. And in conclusion,

Most Worshipful Sir, I wish for my successor the same loyalty and devotion.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. CLARK,

D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration and approval, my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Eighth Masonic during the year 1946-1947.

I wish to express my thanks to the brethren of this District for the confidence they placed in me, by electing me as their District Deputy Grand Master.

I felt in assuming these duties, I was taking on a great responsibility. Your kind words of encouragement to all the newly elected District Deputy Grand Masters tended to relieve this feeling considerably. I must say it has been a year of great pleasure to me to work under your supervision, and with the Officers and Brethren of the Eighth District.

On taking up my task as District Deputy Grand Master I felt it would be time well spent to make unofficial visits to the different Lodges, to get better acquainted with the Brethren, and to get a deeper insight into the working of their Lodges. I made two visits to East Star Lodge No. 55, Gretna; two to Midlothian Lodge No. 90, Miami; one to Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Roland; one to King Solomon Lodge No. 8, Morris; one to Emerson Lodge No. 6, Emerson; and one to Patricia Lodge No. 125, Sperling.

Official visits were made as follows:

Sprague Lodge No. 132, Sprague, 11th September 1946

East Star Lodge No. 55, Gretna . . . 6th November 1946

Midlothian Lodge No. 90, Miami . . 18th November 1946

Emerson Lodge No. 6, Emerson . . . 21st November 1946

Penza Lodge No. 120, Dominion City,
26th November 1946

Carman Lodge No. 155, Carman . . 18th February 1947

Patricia Lodge No. 125, Sperling 5th March 1947

King Solomon's Lodge No. 8, Morris, 11th March 1947

Shiloh Lodge No. 70, Roland 13th March 1947

I witnessed the conferring of degrees in all Lodges in the District with the exception of Sprague. In my opinion the work was very efficiently done, most of it by Past Masters. Personally I like to see the Past Masters taking part in degree work; I think it tends to keep up their interest in Lodge affairs. But I think every presiding Master should learn all three degrees, and confer each at least once, during his term of office. If a Master does not learn this work while he is going through the chairs, there is little hope that he will do so later when he becomes a Past Master. This is shown very clearly in a number of Lodges in the District. In some cases Lodges with ten to fifteen Past Masters, have only two or three who can confer a degree. In other Lodges practically all Past Masters are capable of taking their parts in degree work. I would like to suggest that the ruling re conferring of degrees by the presiding Masters be more strongly recommended.

On several of my visits I found that degree work took so much time that the Lodges really did not have enough time for their other business, unless they remained open until a late hour. I have been recommending that they hold Emergent Meetings for degree work, and that on regular Meeting nights they have some member prepare and read a paper on some phase of Freemasonry, which would be educational and inspiring. This, I believe, would make the meetings more interesting and would encourage more Brethren to attend.

On making my unofficial visits to several of the Lodges, I found nearly all had a different way of balloting. I laid out a form for balloting which I thought might work very well in the District. I believe all Lodges in a District should do their work in the same manner, so as to have uniformity. On my official visits I took up the question of balloting, and had each Lodge try this form, and found it was very favourably received. I hope, Most Worshipful Grand Master, this meets with your approval.

On my official visits to each Lodge I was received in due form, as your official representative, and was given a very hearty reception.

The District Meeting of the Eighth Masonic District was held in Carman Masonic Hall, on October 17, 1946. Total attendance of members and visitors was one hundred and three, all lodges in the District being represented except Sprague. Reports were

given by Secretaries of each Lodge on their yearly activities, and were received with interest by all members present. These reports showed the District as a whole was in a very healthy condition.

During the afternoon session we had three fifteen-minute speeches on the significance of Freemasonry, the speakers being R.W. Bro. A. J. Sawatzky, P.D.D.G M.; R.W. Bro. W. C. McDonald, Senior Grand Warden and M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Secretary. These talks were ably given and much appreciated by all members present.

The meeting was then thrown open for a question and answer period. Many Brethren, availing themselves of this opportunity, asked questions which were ably answered by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey.

At 5.15 the meeting was adjourned and the Brethren invited to the Carman Memorial Hall, to partake of a sumptuous banquet. This was prepared and served by the Ladies of Carman Chapter No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star, and was enjoyed by all. Several toasts and responses concluded this part of the programme.

Labour was resumed at 8.00 o'clock. Immediately afterwards the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his suite were officially received. The Most Worshipful Grand Master then introduced his suite and asked them to take seats in the East.

The summary of the afternoon session was read by the District Secretary, W. Bro. Weaver and a report of attendance given.

Presentation of the District Deputy Grand Master's Apron was then made by M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey to R.W. Bro. Sawatzky, Immediate Past District Deputy Grand Master, who made a suitable reply.

R.W. Bro. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master, was then introduced, and substituting for the Most Worshipful Grand Master, delivered a most inspiring and educational address. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all the Brethren privileged to hear it.

During the year Emerson Lodge No. 6, of Emerson, held its 70th Anniversary. It was my privilege to attend this celebration. It was an outstanding event, beginning with a banquet in the church basement. All the Lodges in the District were represented, and many from outside the District. A number of Grand Lodge officers, including the Most Worshipful the Grand Master were also present. M.W. Bro. Wm. Douglas gave a comprehensive history of Emerson Lodge from its institution. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge

Officers gave short addresses. The Brethren of Emerson Lodge are to be heartily congratulated on thus upholding the flag of Freemasonry for three score and ten years.

During the year there have been thirty-one new members in this District and eleven Brethren were called to the Great Beyond. Among these was our late Brother, R.W. Bro. A. W. Badger, P.D.D.G.M. of this District and a Past Senior Grand Deacon.

In conclusion I want to take the privilege of once again thanking you, Most Worshipful Grand Master, for the kindness you have shown me, and for the advice and splendid support you have given me during my term of office. I also wish to take this opportunity to thank the other Grand Lodge officers who so ably supported me during the year. I want to thank the Brethren of the Eighth District for their kind co-operation and for the support given me in every Lodge. I also wish to thank my District Chaplain, W. Bro. L. J. Bennett, and also my District Secretary, W. Bro. G. W. Weaver, who has accompanied me on all my official and unofficial visits, placing his car at my disposal, and doing all possible to assist me in every way he could.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH MILLROY,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is an honor and pleasure to submit for your consideration and approval the report of the Ninth Masonic District as your Deputy for the year 1946-7. I am pleased to report Masonry in this district in excellent condition with harmony prevailing in all the lodges. Also showing much more progress than has been for years. With a membership of 582 at December 1st, 1946, and 614 to date an increase of 80 members in the past year—and not one suspension. I have been assisted by R.W. Bro. J. R. Hume, District Secretary, who helped me throughout the term. A very successful District Meeting was held at Grandview, on October 3rd, 1946, with 104 members present, including the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and the Grand

Chaplain, with instructive addresses from the Grand Lodge Officers and Brethren of the District, which were enjoyed by the Brethren. Also the banquet in the evening.

Prince Arthur Lodge No. 105, was visited on September 5th. The attendance was 32 members and 15 visitors. The Master Mason Dgree was conferred; the officers were well skilled in the work. Jubilee Lodge No. 147 was visited on September 12th, a very busy time for the farmers, 13 members and five visitors were present, no Degrees were conferred. The officers were well skilled in their regular work. Favel Lodge No. 126, was visited on November 2nd. R.W. Bro. Hume made this visit for me as I was in hospital and the arrangements had all been made. The attendance was good and several visitors were present. All officers had their work up well.

Hiram Lodge No. 94, was visited at the regular meeting on March 20th, 1947, 33 members and 13 visitors were present. The Entered Apprentice was conferred that evening and all the work was up to standard. Vermillion Lodge No. 68 was visited on April 1st, it was Past Masters' Night, there was 40 members and 19 visitors present, two candidates were initiated and the work was well done. Robbie Burns Lodge No. 100 was officially visited on April 9th, 16 members and 10 visitors were present, they had no Degree Work. Officers regular work was very satisfactory, they also had three new applications to deal with. Roblin Lodge No. 122, was visited on April 14th, there were 27 members and 16 visitors present. One candidate was Initiated in a most creditable manner. Officers were all present and most efficient.

I am sorry to have to report the passing in February, 1947, of R.W. Bro. Greenway, P.D.D.G.M. of the Ninth Masonic District a member of Roblin Lodge No. 122, for many years.

Victory Lodge No. 128. This visit had been postponed twice on account of sickness and bad roads. This lodge has done wonderfully well in the past two years. Offices are all ably filled. They are having church service on May 4th. They had three Fellow Craft Degrees and a Master Mason Degree and are having an Emergent Meeting with four Candidates for Fellow Craft Degree, April 30th.

The Area Meeting is being held in Swan River on May 8th, at Prince Arthur Lodge.

On all my visits I was received with the courtesy and respect due our representative. Due to sickness I was unable to give as much time to visiting as I would like to have done. I want to give my sincere thanks to the Brethren of Hiram Lodge who accompanied and helped me on all occasions. It was very gra-

tifying to me to see so many guests at the lodges I visited, and I cannot speak too highly of the way the Master and Officers are filling their respective offices; also of the harmony that prevails among all the lodges. In concluding I want to thank all the members of the Ninth Masonic District for the great honor they have done me by electing me District Deputy Grand Master of this District for past term and I only hope I have not failed them in my attempt.

Fraternally submitted,

D. N. McINTYRE,

D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

Having been your representative in the Tenth Masonic District since the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, it is not only my duty, but a high privilege and pleasure to submit to you the following report regarding my work in, and the condition of, this District.

My Official Visits to the Constituent Lodges were as follows:

Lisgar Lodge No. 2	October 15th, 1946
Stonewall Lodge No. 12	October 3rd, 1946
Ophir Lodge No. 112	September 6th, 1946
Transcona Lodge No. 123	October 4th, 1946
Kildonan Lodge No. 131	October 8th, 1946
Stony Mountain Lodge No. 134	September 4th, 1946
Seven Oaks Lodge No. 148	October 11th, 1946
The Dormer Lodge No. 151	November 5th, 1946
Pine Falls Lodge No. 154	September 13th, 1946
Manitouwapa Lodge No. 156	August 19th, 1946

At all the Lodges my reception and that of my Suite was all that could be desired—warm, brotherly and truly Masonic. That the Craft is well and favourably thought of is evidenced by the type and calibre of the men who have been initiated during the past twelve months. It is to them we look to take care of the Ancient Landmarks and supervision of our Order in the future and to say that we feel confident that they will fulfill their obligations in a worthy manner is, in my view, an understatement.

In this district too, may we say, the Masters, Officers—both elected and appointed—and the Past Masters of all Lodges are capable, earnest and enthusiastic brethren, giving liberally of their time and talent in the best interests of the Order and at the same time, filling the duties of their various offices in a most efficient manner.

Degree Work was witnessed on every visit and it was particularly noticeable. and worthy of special mention, that in all instances every effort was made, not only to do this work in a manner that would not bring adverse criticism from the Brethren who witnessed it, but in such a way that the Candidates would be properly impressed with the solemnity and dignity of our ceremonies, thereby creating an impression that would last throughout their Masonic Life not only of the degree conferred upon them but also of the obligations they would be called upon to fulfill.

It has been my aim, therefore, taking into consideration conditions prevailing today, to try and leave with the Lodges, among other things, a word or two relating to the high responsibility that was theirs in seeing to it that only worthy men became Petitioners for our mysteries and to those of our New Brethren, the high responsibilities that were now theirs or may, in the future, fall to their lot.

The District Meeting held on the 19th September, 1946, was extremely well attended. All Lodges were represented and the matters brought up for consideration were thoroughly discussed. Freemasonry not only in this District, but in this Grand Jurisdiction, benefited therefrom. At the evening session, your address, Most Worshipful Sir, was instructional and a source of inspiration to all those privileged to hear it. R.W. Bro. R. W. Ross was presented with the Apron of a P.D.D.G.M. Many distinguished brethren from other districts were present and contributed in no small manner to the success of the meeting.

The Annual Church Service was held in June, 1946, in the United Church at Stonewall, with a large number of brethren in attendance.

My appreciation and gratitude go to my Secretary, W. Bro. H. K. Hutson, my Chaplain, W. Bro. R. M. Snider, Bro. C. S. Trick, The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, and other Grand Lodge Officers for their helpful advice and support, to those other brethren who accompanied me from time to time on my official and other visits, and to the Masters and Officers of all Lodges in this District who did everything in their power to help me during my tenure of office.

Finally, Most Worshipful Sir, it is my hope that in some small way we have contributed something that will prove helpful to the Order it has been our privilege to serve.

Fraternally yours,

JAMES W. LINDSAY,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Manitoba, A.F. & A.M.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is my privilege to present for your approval, the annual report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Twelfth Masonic District for the year 1946-47.

In reviewing the operations of the Lodges within the Twelfth Masonic District, I am proud to report that it has been a highly successful and profitable year. The membership of the various Lodges within the District have been fortunate in electing as their Worshipful Masters, men whose sincerity and capacity for hard work overshadow minor inabilities some may have. Assisted by the united effort of Officers, Past Masters and members alike, their unity of purpose has achieved gratifying results.

Many pre-war activities are again coming into being, some of a social nature and others as special Lodge Nights under various headings, of which there are a great number. Inter-Lodge visitations have reached a new high, and with travelling conditions relieved, out of town visitations are increasing in number. There is no lack of activity in the district in which to maintain membership interest.

Degree work is of a high calibre, and only on one or two occasions, was there evidence of lack of sufficient instruction on the part of the Junior Officers. The Past Masters have done an admirable job in assisting the Worshipful Masters to cope with the large influx of candidates. The hard working Secretaries, who have had their burdens increased, carry on in their traditional fashion. In spite of the much used phrase, "Quality, not Quantity is needed in Masonry," I have witnessed a large quantity of candidates who appear to be of extremely high quality.

Throughout the year only minor infractions of the Constitution have been noticed, and these have been readily adjusted by the Warshipful Masters when brought to their attention.

All secretaries are now bonded, and the Lodge notices have eliminated all reference to character and investigating committees, regardless of their function. Lodges are in a sound financial position, and the increase in membership as of December 31st, 1946, over the previous year is 173, making a grand total for the District of 1,965 members. There are some Lodges which in the near future must give serious consideration to the number of members that constitute an efficient and progressive Lodge. Within the District we have three or four Lodges with membership nearing the 300 mark.

Monthly meetings were held with the Worshipful Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens. These meetings acted as a clearing house for all problems and reduced to a minimum the difficulties which are bound to arise. What was found to be noteworthy in a particular Lodge, was passed on for the benefit of all, and any irregularity of a Lodge was brought to the attention of the meeting, so that such irregularity would not occur in other Lodges. These meetings were held in the form of supper meetings, which were well attended with keen interest.

The District Meeting held on January 31st, 1947, was most successful, with a registration of 226 present. Under the heading of "For Your Information" the question and answer period was most instructive as well as entertaining, and, I am sure, appreciated by all. The distinguished Brethren who took part in this portion of the programme were M.W. Bro. Peter T. Pilkey, foreman of the panel and those answering the questions were, The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Maurice S. Donovan, M.W. Bro. Royal Burritt, M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, M.W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, M.W. Bro. S. Burland, R.W. Bro. H. Coddington, R.W. Bro. S. Hart Green, R.W. Bro. David Griffith, R.W. Bro. G. P. Fairbairn and V.W. Bro. Fred. H. Blythe. The Masters gave reports of outstanding events in their Lodge over the year 1945. Items of interest were the number of special Lodge Nights and acts of benevolence. Worthy of mention is Fort Garry Lodge, which is paying tuition fee that will enable two worthy persons to attend Business College. A playlet "Harmony Being the Support" was presented by the "44 Class" (members of the 12th Masonic District who held the office of W. Master in the year 1944). The play was enthusiastically received and had a good moral lesson. The wealth of Masonic advice contained in your message, Most Worship Sir, established a brilliant climax to a successful evening.

The Third Annual District Ladies' Night held at the Fort Garry Hotel, April 25th, proved most enjoyable. In your

absence, Most Worshipful Sir, the Deputy Grand Master R.W. Bro. Harry B. Donnelly, expressed his approval of our programme. The impression received from those attending, was that a good time was had by all.

The Annual District Church Service, held in St. Matthew's Church, Sunday, April 27th, was attended by over 200 members. M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey read the First Lesson, and I was assigned the reading of the Second Lesson. M.W. Bro. Harry Woods gave the Prayers, and the service was conducted by M.W. Bro. G. R. Calvert. We have had many fine Church Parades in the District, yet none finer than the one held April 27th..

Before concluding my report, I would like to make one or two observations. The somber warnings emanating from so many quarters, regarding adequate instruction and education of the new member, has been seriously considered and discussed by the Masters of the District. A number of Lodges have tried various methods of education with varying results. All admit the need is urgent and most essential, yet the trial and error method does not seem to be a satisfactory solution to the problem. May I suggest that a standard method of Masonic Education, approved and supplied by Grand Lodge be instituted as quickly as possible. I would like further to suggest, that such education be communicated to new members at a meeting especially called for that purpose, and not made an addition to the present degrees. It has been found that the practice of appointing a Lodge Librarian, to secure a variety of books from the Grand Lodge Library for distribution to the Lodge members has merit, and proved successful in a number of Lodges, particularly Lord Selkirk Lodge No. 137.

In conclusion I desire to make the following acknowledgements to yourself, Most Worshipful Sir, for your advice and wise counsel given so generously, to M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods for their ready assistance at all times, to the Masters in the District for their sterling support and co-operation, to the District Officers, W. Bro. W. F. Kerby, Chaplain, W. Bro. S. Swanton, Treasurer, and especially, I would like to acknowledge the splendid work of the District Secretary, W. Bro. T. Crossley.

It has been a very busy year, one in which I have gained much in pleasure and in profit. I sincerely trust that my endeavors have repaid in some measure the confidence placed in me, by yourself and the Brethren of the District.

HARRY H. GRAY,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

In Memoriam



DEDICATED
TO
THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD OF
SISTER
GRAND LODGES
1946

In Memoriam
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF
Alexander Kippen Cates
Reston Lodge No. 104
Grand Director of Ceremonies, 1923
DIED
January 17th, 1946.

William A. Piper
Sprague Lodge No. 132
Honorary Past District Deputy Grand Master, 1944
DIED
March 12th, 1946.

Thomas Stockdale
Sturgeon Creek Lodge No. 145
District Deputy Grand Master, 1931
DIED
March 20th, 1946.

Thomas Alfred Argue
East Star Lodge No. 55
District Deputy Grand Master, 1920
DIED
June 7th, 1946.

In Memoriam
DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY
OF

Charles Wilson

Rathwell Lodge No. 87
Grand Steward, 1909
District Deputy Grand Master, 1913

DIED

June 11th, 1946.

James W. Guthrie

Lebanon Lodge No. 43
Reston Lodge No. 104
District Deputy Grand Master, 1922

DIED

June 24th, 1946.

Edgar William Rugg

Ancient Landmark Lodge No. 3
Grand Registrar, 1898

DIED

October 14th, 1946.

IN MEMORY
OF THE BELOVED BRETHREN WHO ARE
At Rest

Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Spearman, Jas. W. ..	Feb. 15th, 1946	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Wray, Fred. H.	Mar. 12th, 1946	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Barritt, Nelson	May 18th, 1946	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Crawford, F. G.	June 29th, 1946	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Dunn, Donald B. ...	Oct. 13th, 1946	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Parker, Ernest	Oct. 24th, 1946	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Dykes, Andrew E. ..	Nov. 28th, 1946	Prince Rupert's ...	1
Judd, James W.	June 2nd, 1946	Lisgar	2
Stewart, David C. ..	Feb. 22nd, 1946	Ancient Landmark .	3
Brown, Randall R. ..	Feb. 26th, 1946	Ancient Landmark .	3
Affleck, John	Feb. 28th, 1946	Ancient Landmark .	3
Nairn, Wm.	May 3rd, 1946	Ancient Landmark .	3
Fingland, Wm.	May 25th, 1946	Ancient Landmark .	3
Morgan, H. G.	Oct. 19th, 1946	Ancient Landmark .	3
McLea, Chas. A. E. ..	Oct. 28th, 1946	Ancient Landmark .	3
MacLean, Neal J. ..	Nov. 13th, 1946	Ancient Landmark .	3
Adamson, Francis S.	Mar. 6th, 1946	St. John's	4
Alderson, Percy B. ..	June 5th, 1946	St. John's	4
Harrison, S. G.	June 16th, 1946	St. John's	4
Orr, Thomas	Aug. 27th, 1946	St. John's	4
Harrison, A.	Sept. 4th, 1946	St. John's	4
Cockburn, Jas.	Oct. 1st, 1946	St. John's	4
Hamerton, Albert ...	Oct. 2nd, 1946	St. John's	4
Kettleson, F. S.	Oct. 15th, 1946	St. John's	4
Lawrence, Jas.	Nov. 30th, 1946	St. John's	4
Embelin, R. E.	Dec. 1st, 1946	St. John's	4
Bell, Francis S.	May 7th, 1946	Emerson	6
Clarke, Wm. H.	Mar. 24th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Lunn, Wm. F.	Apr. 3rd, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Smith, Norman S. ..	Apr. 3rd, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Brown, Roland C. ..	Aug. 17th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Taylor, Robt.	Oct. 1st, 1946	King Solomon	8
Lethbridge, H. W. ..	Jan. 2nd, 1946	Northern Light ...	10
Maguire, David A. ..	Jan. 25th, 1946	Northern Light ...	10
Hudson, D. H.	Mar. 3rd, 1946	Northern Light ...	10

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Strang, E. R.	Aug. 1st, 1946	Northern Light ...	10
Baxter, Geo. H.	Aug. 29th, 1946	Northern Light ...	10
Pape, John G.	Nov. 13th, 1946	Northern Light ...	10
Bowles, Manley	Nov. 21st, 1946	Northern Light ...	10
Ovas, Jas. M.	Dec. 24th, 1946	Northern Light ...	10
Driver, Geo.	Jan. 10th, 1946	Gladstone	11
Leggatt, Jas.	Feb. 23rd, 1946	Gladstone	11
Adamson, Don. G. ..	Aug. 18th, 1946	Gladstone	11
Sinclair, John D. ...	Mar. 11th, 1946	Stonewall	12
Knittel, John H. ...	July 26th, 1946	Stonewall	12
Anderson, Maurice ..	Mar. 1st, 1946	Morden	13
Hall, Chas. F.	July 24th, 1946	Morden	13
Rabinovitch, D.	Aug. 4th, 1946	Morden	13
Atkinson, G. W.	Jan. 19th, 1946	Brandon	19
Plant, Wm.	July 3rd, 1946	Brandon	19
Thompson, S.	Aug. 17th, 1946	Brandon	19
Elwood, Frederick ..	Dec. 9th, 1946	Brandon	19
Lawrence, David ...	Apr. 11th, 1946	Neepawa	24
Stewart, Jas. A.	May 18th, 1946	Neepawa	24
Cummings, Alex. ...	Mar. 14th, 1946	Ionie	25
Smith, Thos. J.	Apr. 16th, 1946	Ionie	25
Thomas, Thomas	May 21st, 1946	Ionie	25
Moody, Arthur W. ...	June 20th, 1946	Ionie	25
Wiles, Henry	Aug. 5th, 1946	Ionie	25
Kirkland, Wm. A. ...	Sept. 21st, 1946	Ionie	25
Woods, Wm. H.	Sept. 29th, 1946	Ionie	25
Blain, Thomas	Dec. 14th, 1946	Ionie	25
Potruff, John A. ...	Dec. 19th, 1946	Ionie	25
Sampson, E. W.	Jan. 30th, 1946	Manitou	30
Templar, Samuel	May 9th, 1946	Birtle	39
Gibson, Robt. W. ...	Oct. 13th, 1946	Birtle	39
Renton, Wm.	Apr. 17th, 1946	Deloraine	40
McKee, Wm.	May 7th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Dimond, Harvey C. ...	Oct. 6th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Henry, Wm. Geo. ...	Apr. 1st, 1946	Temple	49

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Berry, Fred. C.	July 1st, 1946	Temple	49
Parker, Henry G. ...	Aug. 20th, 1946	Temple	49
Rollins, Percy K. ...	Feb. 25th, 1946	Killarney	50
Jones, Thos. E.	Mar. 22nd, 1946	Killarney	50
Rollins, Hugh	Sept. 5th, 1946	Killarney	50
Williams, Chas.	July 2nd, 1946	Treherne	51
Lamont, David	Aug. 21st, 1946	Hartney	52
Smith, Harry M. ...	Sept. 11th, 1946	Hartney	52
Johnstone, F.	May 27th, 1946	Russell	62
Moynes, Angus	June 11th, 1946	Russell	62
Lawther, Samuel ...	Oct. 5th, 1946	Russell	62
Holland, H. E.	Mar. 3rd, 1946	Wawanesa	67
Stephens, G. H. Jr. ...	Dec. 26th, 1946	Wawanesa	67
Foster, W. F. C.	Dec. 29th, 1946	Wawanesa	67
Allen, Robt. J.	Mar. 14th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Medd, Albert E.	Aug. 14th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Machan, Francis M. ...	Nov. 16th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Telford, Wm.	Dec. 8th, 1946	Vermillion	68
McKay, L. V.	Dec. 12th, 1946	Vermillion	68
White, Henry W.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Shiloh	70
Adams, Geo. E.	Mar. 18th, 1946	Crystal	71
Thomson, Archie ...	May 6th, 1946	Crystal	71
Rodgers, Jas.	Apr. 26th, 1946	Elkhorn	74
Morton, Jas.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Gothic	75
Fraser, Geo. S.	Jan. 18th, 1946	Hamiota	84
Henderson, David ...	Dec. 12th, 1946	Hamiota	84
Hamilton, W. T.	Jan. 22nd, 1946	Midlothian	90
Nixon, Chas. H.	Jan. 12th, 1946	Sleol Lake	92
Duncanson, Jas.	Jan. 20th, 1946	King Edward	93
Ozal, Chris.	Feb. 3rd, 1946	King Edward	93
Riley, Myron	Feb. 5th, 1946	King Edward	93
Hall, Norman	Apr. 4th, 1946	King Edward	93
James, Frank A.	May 14th, 1946	King Edward	93
Gray, Robt. J.	Oct. 25th, 1946	King Edward	93
Muir, Robt. K.	Oct. 30th, 1946	King Edward	93

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Clegg, Henry J.	Oct. 31st, 1946	King Edward	93
Appleby, Frank	Nov. 10th, 1946	King Edward	93
Boyd, Jas. D.	Dec. 29th, 1946	King Edward	93
Waters, Wm.	Nov. 15th, 1946	Hiram	94
McKay, Alex.	Mar. 2nd, 1946	Robbie Burns	100
Broadfoot, J. W. ...	Nov. 3rd, 1946	Binsearth	101
Andrew, Robt.	Jan. 19th, 1946	Miniota	102
Spence, David	May 12th, 1946	Miniota	102
Douglas, Geo. K.	Nov. 16th, 1946	Miniota	102
Forsyth, Jas. D.	Nov. 30th, 1946	Miniota	102
Ready, Norris H. ...	Feb. 10th, 1946	Reston	104
Pettypiece, G. C.	Feb. 11th, 1946	Reston	104
Milton, Robt. B.	Oct. 28th, 1946	Reston	104
Robertson, Alex.	Nov. 21st, 1946	Reston	104
Money, John	June 20th, 1946	Kilwinning	110
Strathdee, C. N.	Aug. 9th, 1946	Acacia	111
Ross, David K.	Nov. 17th, 1946	Acacia	111
Henderson, Wm.	Nov. 27th, 1946	Acacia	111
Kreger, Robt. E. ...	Dec. 9th, 1946	Acacia	111
Booth, Frank S.	May 7th, 1946	Tweed	113
Elliott, Wm. Jas. ...	May 29th, 1946	Tweed	113
McLeod, Edwin W. ...	June 2nd, 1946	Tweed	113
Pidgeon, Leslie E. ...	Feb. 1st, 1946	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Pringle, T. E. P.	Mar. 24th, 1946	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Bennett, Allan	June 5th, 1946	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Wallar, John F.	June 25th, 1946	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Bate, Hugh C.	Aug. 28th, 1946	"The Assiniboine" ..	114
Reid, Alex.	Dec. 19th, 1945	Stratheona	117
Keays, Samuel J. ...	June 28th, 1946	Mound	118
McDonald, John	Dec. 16th, 1946	Mound	118
Spearman, W. J. ...	Feb. 15th, 1946	Norwood	119
Thomas, Harry C. ...	Oct. 20th, 1946	Norwood	119
Ditlovitch, D.	Apr. 3rd, 1946	Penza	120
Post, Jas. F.	May 12th, 1946	Penza	120
Nobes, Walter	June 19th, 1946	St. James	121

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Brown, John A.	July 1st, 1946	St. James	121
Johnstone, W. J. ...	Sept. 25th, 1946	St. James	121
Smith, Harris	Oct. 29th, 1946	St. James	121
Gunn, John W.	Jan. 29th, 1946	Transcona	123
Olsen, H. O. in	Denmark, 1944	The Pas	124
Hooper, Jos. E.	Nov. 23rd, 1946	Favel	126
Hall, Jas. G.	Feb. 17th, 1946	Empire	127
Barker, Thos.	Mar. 5th, 1946	Empire	127
Cash, Kenneth C. ...	Oct. 18th, 1946	Victory	128
Nesbitt, M. M.	Feb. 18th, 1946	Fort Garry	130
Cookson, Arthur	May 1st, 1946	Fort Garry	130
Copeland, Ernest	June 4th, 1946	McCreary	133
Watts, Thos. A.	Apr. 29th, 1946	Capitol	136
Robertson, John D. ...	May 24th, 1946	Capitol	136
Jackson, Philip S. ...	July 14th, 1946	Capitol	136
Guthrie, Arthur	Jan. 5th, 1946	Lord Selkirk	137
Head, Joseph W.	Jan. 21st, 1946	Lord Selkirk	137
Briggs, Wheatley ...	Dec. 23rd, 1946	Lord Selkirk	137
Brown, Robt.	May 5th, 1946	Windsor	138
Gunn, Clifford R.	Dec. 27th, 1946	Windsor	138
Kitchen, LeRoy	Apr. 20th, 1946	Beaver	139
Horseman, Ernest ...	May 23rd, 1946	Beaver	139
Tait, Alex. H.	Aug. 10th, 1946	Beaver	139
Brew, Albert W.	Sept. 15th, 1946	Beaver	139
Martin, Jas. B.	Sept. 19th, 1946	Beaver	139
Ham, Ira. E.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Beaver	139
Buckley, Frederick ..	Jan. 26th, 1946	Meridian	140
MacKenzie, D. C. ...	Sept. 2nd, 1946	Meridian	140
Braden, Ford	Oct. 9th, 1946	Tuscan	141
Cohen, Jacob	May 30th, 1946	Mt. Sinai	143
Tasker, Nathan	Feb. 15th, 1946	Mt. Sinai	143
Blackhurst, N. N. ...	Jan. 22nd, 1946	Fort Osborne	144
Parker, Ernest S. ...	Nov. 4th, 1946	Sturgeon Creek	145
Grant, Robt.	Apr. 20th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Alderson, Percy B. ...	June 5th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Ruthruff, Glenn A. . .	Aug. 3rd, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Hobbs, H. I. F.	Apr. 6th, 1946	Carman	155
Clapp, Geo. A.	Oct. 13th, 1946	Carman	155
Snydal, John	Dec. 1946	Carman	155

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Campbell Joseph	Nov. 19th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Bone, Wm.	Dec. 17th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Wilson, Jas. G.	Dec. 17th, 1946	Prince Rupert's	1
Bjarnsson, S. E.	May 21st, 1946	Lisgar	2
Lundberg, Gustaf. A.	Nov. 1946	St. John's	4
Dagg, Walter	Nov. 1946	St. John's	4
Camfield, Arthur S.	Dec. 4th, 1946	St. John's	4
Harper, Wm. D.	Sept. 19th, 1946	Emerson	6
Maier, Leonard	Oct. 10th, 1946	Emerson	6
Lytle, Bert	Sept. 16th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Brown, John L.	Nov. 18th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Parsons, John B.	Nov. 18th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Weaver, Albert E.	Nov. 18th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Garrett, Alfred A.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Shead, Geo. H.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Simpson, Saml. E.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Assiniboine	7
Sparling, Doug. B.	Feb. 12th, 1946	King Solomon	8
Stevenson, Arthur J.	Nov. 12th, 1946	King Solomon	8
Gibbs, Philip A.	Sept. 19th, 1946	Northern Light	10
Yale, Kenneth R.	Oct. 17th, 1946	Northern Light	10
McAskill, Jas.	Apr. 8th, 1946	Gladstone	11
Hayes, S. B. H.	Dec. 5th, 1946	Stonewall	12
Robertson, Jno. A.	Dec. 5th, 1946	Stonewall	12
Way, Harry	Dec. 20th, 1946	Morden	13
Hutton, Frank V.	Dec. 19th, 1946	Morden	13
Bryon, Saml. S.	Jan. 10th, 1946	Prince of Wales	14
Skafel, Einar J.	Nov. 14th, 1946	Prince of Wales	14
MacKay, D. Wm.	Oct. 1st, 1946	Corinthian	15
Brooks, Frank E.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Corinthian	15
Buker, P. W.	Apr. 9th, 1946	Brandon	19
Saunders, Jack K.	Oct. 9th, 1946	Brandon	19
Alexander, Allan R.	Nov. 12th, 1946	Neepawa	24
Livesley, Roy H.	Nov. 12th, 1946	Neepawa	24
Taylor, Chas.	Mar. 4th, 1946	Ionie	25
Purvis, Joseph T.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Ionie	25
Mouatt, Douglas G.	May 24th, 1946	Glenwood	27
Fowler, Harry O.	Nov. 22nd, 1946	Glenwood	27
Macdonald, Jas. S.	Nov. 22nd, 1946	Glenwood	27
Axford, Wm. C.	Dec. 27th, 1946	Glenwood	27
Cunningham, Winston R.	Dec. 27th, 1946	Glenwood	27

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Cathrea, Herbert L.	May 14th, 1946	Carberry	29
Hawtin, Jno. W. H.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Carberry	29
McDonald, Malcolm	Nov. 5th, 1946	Carberry	29
Pocock, Montague	Dec. 31st, 1946	Carberry	29
Pierce-Jones, David	Feb. 4th, 1946	Manitou	30
Trow, Frank	May 7th, 1946	Manitou	30
Darling, Geo. W.	Oct. 1st, 1946	Manitou	30
Cruikshank, James W.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Manitou	30
McKenzie, Reg. J.	Apr. 23rd, 1946	Doric	36
Pretsell, Robt.	Jan. 16th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Binney, Wm.	Mar. 22nd, 1946	Deloraine	40
Woodrow, Wm. J.	Sept. 18th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Stewart, Alex.	Nov. 20th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Lee, Peter O.	Dec. 18th, 1946	Deloraine	40
Fraser, Wm.	Feb. 5th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Ivey, A. Elmer	Feb. 5th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Lidington, Wm. C.	Sept. 3rd, 1946	Lebanon	43
Goulding, Chas. E.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Thordarson, Barney	Nov. 5th, 1946	Lebanon	43
Moore, Jas. R.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Lebanon	43
King, John E.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Lebanon	43
Cooper, A.	June 13th, 1946	Oak Lake	44
Munro, Robt. M.	Dec. 12th, 1946	Oak Lake	44
Laird, David Jr.	Apr. 15th, 1946	Killarney	50
Laycup, Harold G.	Dec. 16th, 1946	Killarney	50
Hayward, Gordon	June 14th, 1946	Treherne	51
Drummond, Wm. A.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Hartney	52
McKenzie, Clyde A.	Nov. 5th, 1946	Hartney	52
Lilke, Adolph	Dec. 19th, 1946	East Star	55
Buss, Jack	June 12th, 1946	Holland	63
Morris, Thos. E.	Feb. 22nd, 1946	Composite	64
Bruce, Robt.	Feb. 5th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Montgomery, Jno.	Feb. 5th, 1946	Vermillion	68
Reid, A. Edward	Feb. 5th, 1946	Vermillion	68
McNeil, George	Oct. 10th, 1946	Shiloh	70
Hall, Fred G. E.	Mar. 26th, 1946	Elkhorn	74
Baskier, John R.	Dec. 14th, 1946	Napinka	77
Hickling, Archie G.	Dec. 14th, 1946	Napinka	77
Buck, Richard	Feb. 1946	Cypress	82
Dunfield, Howard M.	Nov. 12th, 1946	Elgin	86

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Cummings, Alex.	Feb. 18th, 1946	Midlothian	90
McKay, Archibald	May 20th, 1946	Midlothian	90
Crocket, David	Jan. 16th, 1946	King Edward	93
Leeder, Jno.	Mar. 20th, 1946	King Edward	93
White, Donald	Mar. 20th, 1946	King Edward	93
Watkins, Harry	Apr. 17th, 1946	King Edward	93
Smith, Harold F.	Nov. 20th, 1946	King Edward	93
Oddstad, Jno. H.	June 12th, 1946	Robbie Burns	100
Baker, Chas. C.	Dec. 28th, 1946	Robbie Burns	100
Waldman, Maurice	Jan. 21st, 1946	Binsearth	101
Woods, Edward H.	Jan. 24th, 1946	Miniota	102
Pocklington, Basil B.	Jan. 10th, 1946	Reston	104
Clark J. C.	Apr. 14th, 1946	Reston	104
Mutter, J. O. E.	Dec. 12th, 1946	Reston	104
Bray, S. H.	Mar. 7th, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Ranson, Arthur S.	Nov. 7th, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Dickson, Hislop	Dec. 6th, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
McNair, Clarendon L.	Dec. 6th, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Blackmore, David E.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Montgomery, Ernest B.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
McDonald, Percival J.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
McNabb, Jno. E.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Prince Arthur	105
Hyde, Arthur J.	Apr. 16th, 1946	Strathelair	106
Black, Thos. L.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Strathelair	106
Bond, Percy V.	June 20th, 1946	Swan Lake	109
Hedley, Fred. K.	July 1st, 1946	Swan Lake	109
Brown, Walter H.	Dec. 11th, 1946	Acacia	111
Blanchard, Chas. H.	Sept. 6th, 1946	Ophir	112
Shaw, Bernard P.	Jan. 15th, 1946	Tweed	113
Spiers, Frank S.	Jan. 15th, 1946	Tweed	113
Black, O. C. E.	Oct. 15th, 1946	Tweed	113
Allen, Roy L.	Nov. 19th, 1946	Tweed	113
Bull, Frank D.	Nov. 19th, 1946	Tweed	113
Clark, Kenneth J.	Nov. 19th, 1946	Tweed	113
Scott, Geo. D.	Mar. 5th, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Price, Alfred A.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Richardson, Walter B.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Smith, Chas. S.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	"The Assiniboine"	114
Harburn, Albert E.	Jan. 28th, 1946	Rivers	115
Knott, Reg. H.	Oct. 28th, 1946	Rivers	115
Rea, Hugh C.	Dec. 2nd, 1946	Rivers	115

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Saville, Jno. H.	Dec. 2nd, 1946	Rivers	115
Bruce, Geo. F.	Dec. 30th, 1946	Rivers	115
Fitzsimmons, Colin R.	Dec. 9th, 1946	St. Andrew's	116
Fraser, Alexander	Dec. 9th, 1946	St. Andrew's	116
Goodbrand, Campbell	Mar. 12th, 1946	Stratheona	117
Brown, Clarence	Sept. 10th, 1946	Stratheona	117
Smith, B.	Oct. 8th, 1946	Stratheona	117
McGill, Robt. S.	Dec. 3rd, 1946	Stratheona	117
Murchison, C. A. R.	Sept. 12th, 1946	Norwood	119
Cruden, Robt. R.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Norwood	119
Randall, Sydney G.	Jan. 1st, 1946	St. James	121
King, Albert A.	Nov. 11th, 1946	St. James	121
Matheson, Selkirk E.	Nov. 13th, 1946	St. James	121
Nott, Herbert A.	Dec. 11th, 1946	St. James	121
Bradburn, Thos. E.	Dec. 31st, 1946	St. James	121
Butler, Saml. T.	Dec. 31st, 1946	St. James	121
Denner, Frank M.	Dec. 31st, 1946	St. James	121
Yost, Dilmer J.	Dec. 6th, 1946	Transcona	123
Mulvin, Vernon W.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Kildonan	131
Welland, Herbert E.	Nov. 8th, 1946	McCreary	133
Winn, James	Nov. 8th, 1946	McCreary	133
Dawson, Benjamin T.	Apr. 3rd, 1946	Stony Mountain	134
Wood, Wm. R.	Aug. 7th, 1946	Stony Mountain	134
Pincock, Hugh C. M.	Apr. 5th, 1946	Capitol	136
Vickers, A. Allan	Dec. 11th, 1946	Lord Selkirk	137
Beaton, Wm. J.	Sept. 9th, 1946	Windsor	138
Thorsteinson, Jno. B.	Dec. 9th, 1946	Windsor	138
Whitson, David	Dec. 9th, 1946	Windsor	138
Miller, Jas W.	Sept. 12th, 1946	Beaver	139
Brewster, David	Dec. 12th, 1946	Beaver	139
Lyons, Frank A.	Dec. 12th, 1946	Beaver	139
Thoburn, Jno. S. E.	Apr. 18th, 1946	Meridian	140
Kennedy, Alex.	Nov. 21st, 1946	Meridian	140
Macauley, Wm.	Dec. 19th, 1946	Meridian	140
Beattie, Joseph J.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Meridian	140
Dallas, Harold	Nov. 25th, 1946	Harmony	142
Zimmerman, Saml.	Apr. 25th, 1946	Mt. Sinai	143
Kesten, Saml. H.	Nov. 28th, 1946	Mt. Sinai	143
Robinson, Harold F.	Nov. 11th, 1946	Sturgeon Creek	145
Bedford, Henry	Dec. 31st, 1946	Fidelity	146
Treasure, Albert E.	Mar. 15th, 1946	Fidelity	146
Gray, Thos. S.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Fidelity	146

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Name	Date	Lodge	No.
Kirk, Robt. C.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Fidelity	146
Ward, Lindsay M.	Dec. 31st, 1946	Fidelity	146
Vickers, Rupert M.	Nov. 8th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Way, Harry E. T.	Nov. 8th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Byford, Arthur	Dec. 13th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Cuthbertson, Jno. A.	Dec. 13th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
Pritchard, Albert C.	Dec. 13th, 1946	Seven Oaks	148
McKenzie, Thos. H.	Feb. 19th, 1946	Cartwright	150
Stuart, Jas. G.	June 18th, 1946	Cartwright	150
Beswatherick, Chas. R.	Nov. 20th, 1946	Cartwright	150
Hutchinson, Crawford	Mar. 5th, 1946	The Dormer	151
Harper, Hilton C.	Oct. 2nd, 1946	Foxwarren	152
Guymer, Wilfred	Dec. 17th, 1946	Flin Flon	153
Mathewson, A. Stewart	Dec. 17th, 1946	Flin Flon	153
Gill, Chas.	Oct. 11th, 1946	Pine Falls	154
Bembridge, Joseph	Apr. 15th, 1946	Manitouwapa	156

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1876	*Hon. W. N. Kennedy	*Jas. Henderson	*S. L. Bedson	*G. F. Newcomb	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Jno. W. Harris	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1877	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jas. Henderson	*Jno. W. Harris	*E. G. Conklin	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon S. P. Matheson
1878	*G. F. Newcomb	*Jno. W. Harris	*Simon Duffin	*F. T. Bradley	*J. J. Johnston	*John H. Bell	*Col. Jno. Kennedy	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
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1881	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. B. Murray	*C. F. Forrest	*J. J. Johnston	*Jas. Henderson	*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1882	*John H. Bell	*Wm. G. Scott	*Alfred Pearson	*C. F. Forrest	*J. J. Johnston		*D. G. Dick	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1883	*John H. Bell	*D. B. Murray	*R. McCuaig	*John Smith	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*D. Young	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1884	*John H. Bell	*C. F. Forrest	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood	*N. J. Lindsay	*J. J. Johnston	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. Simpson	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1885	*C. F. Forrest	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*Thos. Collins	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rev. J. M. Wellwood
1886	*Alfred Pearson	*Peter McGregor	*J. W. H. Wilson	*J. K. Brydon	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. G. Bell	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1887	*Thomas Clark	*John A. Kerr	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Jas. S. Greig	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1888	*Thomas Clark	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*R. C. Brown	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Joseph Daniel	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara
1889	*Rev. Canon J. D. O'Meara	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. L. Morton	*Thos. McPherson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James A. Payne	*Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1890	*James A. Ovas	*Wm. G. Bell	*Thos. McPherson	*Fred L. Newman	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*R. W. Woodroffe	*Rev. Arthur W. Goulding
1891	*Wm. G. Bell	*J. W. H. Wilson	*Rich'd D. Foley	*John Leslie	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*James G. Dagg	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1892	*J. W. H. Wilson	*D. J. Goggin	*F. G. Lewin	*Thos. Robinson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Wm. A. Windatt	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1893	*D. J. Goggin	*Thos. Robinson	*Thos. Tweed	*Corbet Locke	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. H. Munson	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton
1894	*Thomas Tweed	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*Hugh U. Bain	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Rev. A. W. F. Cooper	*Rev. O. B. Pitblado

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When Elected	Grand Masters	Deputy Grand Masters	Senior Grand Wardens	Junior Grand Wardens	Grand Treasurers	Grand Secretaries	Grand Registrars	Grand Chaplains
1895	*Charles N. Bell	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Geo. B. Murphy	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*John Chambers	*Rev. C. B. Pitblado
1896	*Corbet Locke	*John Leslie	*Fred L. Newman	*F. T. English	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*C. N. Mitchell	*Rev. J. W. Matheson
1897	*Thomas Robinson	*Geo. B. Murphy	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Crawford	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. O. Smith	*Rev. A. Chisholm
1898	*Geo. B. Murphy	*H. J. Eberts	*R. S. Thornton	*Wm. A. Windatt	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*Edgar W. Rugg	*Rev. C. R. Littler
1899	*John Leslie	*R. S. Thornton	*W. A. Windatt	*S. B. Jamieson	*John McKechnie	*Wm. G. Scott	*J. A. Sutherland	*Rev. J. W. Muirhead
1900	*R. S. Thornton	*Rev. Wm. J. Garton	*Wm. Fenwick	*R. Hill Myers	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1901	*R. S. Thornton	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*James M. Suttie	*Rev. A. B. Baird
1902	*R. Hill Myers	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Geo. W. Baker	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*Geo. H. Webster	*Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1903	*E. A. Braithwaite	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*R. P. Crookshank	*Rev. Geo. H. Webb
1904	*Rev. A. Chisholm	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*O. E. S. Whiteside	*Rev. John Wells
1905	*Wm. G. Scott	*H. H. Campkin	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*John McKechnie	*James A. Ovas	*John R. Grant	*Rev. Geo. H. Hogbin
1906	*John McKechnie	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Arthur H. Smith	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1907	*James Scroggie	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert Magness	*Rev. Jas. L. Gordon
1908	*Henry J. Pugh	*James D. Baine	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*A. N. Macpherson	*Rev. Thos. Gordon
1909	*James D. Baine	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Joseph Greenfield	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1910	*Geo. W. Baker	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jas. E. Maynard	*Rev. Wm. Robertson
1911	*John Wemyss	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*R. W. A. Rolph	*Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1912	*Wm. Chambers	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*John Colwell	*Rev. Frederick W. Goodeve
1913	*Ed. M. Walker	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kallett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Robert L. Ross	*Rev. Sydney D. Thomas
1914	*Lynds S. Vaughan	*William Fenwick	*Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kallett	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*J. M. Robinson	*Rev. Peter E. Scott

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1915	*William Fenwick	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*T. Harry Webb	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. Macwhirter	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1916	Henry E. Bletcher	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	*James G. Daggs	*James A. Ovas	C. F. Hasselfield	*Rev. James S. Miller
1917	*Percy E. Kellett	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*James G. Daggs	*James A. Ovas	*Jno. J. Jackson	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1918	Ed. T. Greenway	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*James G. Daggs	*James A. Ovas	.....	*Rev. Thos. G. Bethell
1919	*Alex. McIntyre	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	*James A. Ovas	.....	Rev. James W. Anderson
1920	Albert J. Hatcher	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	.....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somers
1921	*Geo. N. Jackson	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	.....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somers
1922	*Rev. A. B. Baird	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	A. L. Crossin	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	.....	*Rev. Chas. E. Somers
1923	Wm. J. Major	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*James A. Ovas	.....	*Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1924	Jas. S. MacEwing	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	.....	*Rev. Wm. C. Cunningham
1925	Albert L. Crossin	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	.....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1926	*J. C. Walker Reid	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	.....	*Rev. Andrew T. Norquay
1927	Jabez Miller	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	James Mackie	*James A. Ovas	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1928	*Murdo A. Whimster	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1929	William Douglas	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	.....	Rev. George W. Findlay
1930	George Hunter	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	.....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1931	Norman J. Black	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	*Wm. M. Bannatyne	*James A. Ovas	.....	Rev. G. A. Woodside
1932	David S. Woods	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	.....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1933	James Mackie	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	.....	Rt. Rev. W. W. H. Thomas
1934	*Henry L. Adolph	Royal Burritt	Harry Woods	John T. Boyd	Alex. Burgess	*James A. Ovas	Rev. George B. Calvert

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1935	Royal Burritt . . .	Harry Woods . . .	John T. Boyd . . .	Robert Hawkins . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell	Rev. George R. Calvert
1936	Harry Woods . . .	John T. Boyd . . .	Robert Hawkins . .	W. D. Lawrence . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. Thomas Neville
1937	John T. Boyd . . .	Robert Hawkins . .	W. D. Lawrence . .	J. J. Henderson . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1938	Robert Hawkins . .	W. D. Lawrence . .	J. J. Henderson . .	Canon G. R. Calvert	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. Harry Sherstone
1939	W. D. Lawrence . .	J. J. Henderson . .	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahmi . . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1940	J. J. Henderson . .	Rev. G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahmi . . .	Ben C. Parker . . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1941	Canon G. R. Calvert	S. H. Fahmi . . .	Ben C. Parker . .	Sam Burland . . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. P. T. Pilkey
1942	S. H. Fahmi . . .	Ben C. Parker . .	Sam Burland . . .	Dr. P. T. Pilkey . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1943	Ben C. Parker . . .	Sam Burland . . .	Dr. P. T. Pilkey . .	M. S. Donovan . . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. J. L. McInnis
1944	Sam. Burland . . .	Dr. P. T. Pilkey . .	M. S. Donovan . . .	H. B. Donnelly . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. H. B. Wallace
1945	Dr. P. T. Pilkey . .	M. S. Donovan . .	H. B. Donnelly . .	W. C. McDonald . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	*J. H. G. Russell . .	.....	Rev. H. B. Wallace
1946	M. S. Donovan . . .	H. B. Donnelly . .	W. C. McDonald . .	Harry Coddington .	Alex. Burgess . . .	Dr. P. T. Pilkey . .	.....	Rev. E. A. Syms
1947	H. B. Donnelly . .	W. C. McDonald .	Harry Coddington .	Chas. E. Cole . . .	Alex. Burgess . . .	Dr. P. T. Pilkey	Rev. E. A. Syms

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LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name of Lodge	P.O. Address	Master	Secretary	Time of Regular Meeting
1	Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg.	R. F. Bingham	W. K. Mulock	Third Tuesday
2	Lisgar	Selkirk	S. Griffiths	John Veitch	Third Tuesday
3	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg.	J. R. Almey	W. F. Hutton	Third Monday
4	St. John's	Winnipeg.	Jas. C. Dunn	Jas. Mackie	First Wednesday
6	Emerson	Portage la Prairie.	T. W. Shields	R. C. R. Coulter	Third Thursday
7	Assiniboine	Morris.	E. F. Shims	K. A. Price	Third Monday
8	King Solomon	Winnipeg.	J. H. Dickson	O. B. Cossitt	Second Tuesday
10	Northern Light	Winnipeg.	R. A. Copland	Robt. Collier	Third Thursday
11	Gladstone	Stonewall.	F. L. Topham	E. J. Cresswell	Second Monday
12	Stonewall	Morden.	H. M. Weir	M. R. Good	First Thursday
13	Morden	Minnesota	W. M. Colert	Wm. Godfrey	Third Thursday
14	Prince of Wales	Rapid City	John Fleming	Arthur Dennis	Second Thursday
15	Corinthian	Brandon.	T. C. Sample	A. G. Warr	First Tuesday
19	Brandon	Brandon.	T. W. Turner	Arthur Clark	Second Tuesday
24	Neepawa	Neepawa.	C. M. Richards	M. Cobban	First Monday
25	Ionic	Winnipeg.	G. A. Wilson	H. A. Croll	Fourth Friday
27	Glenwood	Souris.	J. H. Turner	C. P. Rogers	Second Tuesday
29	Carberry	Carberry	E. C. Rankmore	J. A. F. Hill	First Tuesday
30	Manitou	Manitou.	W. A. Pommer	C. A. McKenzie	Fourth Tuesday
36	Doric	Boissevain.	H. Ready	F. C. Barber	Third Monday
39	Birtle	Birtle.	R. L. Miles	J. Wat. Thomson	Third Wednesday
40	Deloraine	Deloraine.	H. V. Boles	W. L. Cann	First Tuesday
43	Lebanon	Virlet.	W. J. Evers	P. W. Paul	Second Thursday
44	Oak Lake	Oak Lake.	H. N. Burgess	A. S. Hames	Third Tuesday
48	Glenboro	Glenboro.	O. Malyn	H. I. Collins	Third Monday
49	Temple	MacGregor	B. W. Embree	J. C. Bate	Friday on or before full moon
50	Killarney	Killarney.	H. L. Newton	H. A. Adair	First Tuesday
51	Treherne	Treherne	J. G. Wichman	J. L. Crowe	Third Monday
52	Hartney	Hartney.	W. M. Duthie	J. G. Cobb	First Thursday
54	Oriental	Melita.	Geo. Branstom	G. G. McEdward	Second Tuesday
55	East Star	Gretna.	J. W. Simpson	C. E. Whitmer	Third Monday
62	Russell	Russell.	H. Barry	W. H. Zachary	Monday on or before full moon
63	Holland	Holland.	M. G. Harrison	L. W. Skinner	
64	Alexander	Alexander.	F. C. Parks	C. L. Atkinson	
67	Wawanesa	Wawanesa.	H. J. Williams		

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68	Vermillion.....	Dauphin.....	R. Brander.....	H. D. Glover.....	First Tuesday
70	Shiloh.....	Roland.....	N. J. Anderson.....	C. H. Glover.....	Second Tuesday
71	Crystal.....	Crystal City.....	W. J. Goyer.....	H. H. Howard.....	Second Tuesday
74	Elkhorn.....	Elkhorn.....	J. A. Mills.....	H. J. Jones.....	Fourth Tuesday
75	Gothic.....	Austin.....	A. H. Manns.....	G. R. Hay.....	Second Wednesday
77	Napinka.....	Napinka.....	J. V. Ross.....	A. S. Taskier.....	First Thursday
82	Cypress.....	Cypress River.....	R. J. Connon.....	J. D. Brine.....	First Thursday
84	Hamiota.....	Hamiota.....	R. P. Watt.....	E. P. Venables.....	Fourth Tuesday
86	Elgin.....	Elgin.....	J. E. Clark.....	E. J. Smillie.....	Second Tuesday
87	Rathwell.....	Rathwell.....	D. W. Buchanan.....	E. B. Litz.....	Tuesday on or before full moon
90	Midlothian.....	Miami.....	D. E. Weir.....	A. G. Orchard.....	Third Monday
92	Shoal Lake.....	Shoal Lake.....	W. S. Nesbitt.....	Wm. Hadland.....	Second Thursday
93	King Edward.....	Winnipeg.....	L. J. Turner.....	S. A. Restall.....	Third Wednesday
94	Hiram.....	Grandview.....	Robt. A. Knox.....	D. N. McIntyre.....	Third Thursday
100	Robbie Burns.....	Gilbert Plains.....	A. Kristinson.....	A. W. Knott.....	Second Wednesday
101	Binscarth.....	Binscarth.....	H. Nordal.....	M. E. Clegg.....	Third Monday
102	Miniota.....	Miniota.....	W. H. P. Wallace.....	W. H. Yarwood.....	Fourth Thursday
103	Crescent.....	Elm Creek.....	M. Milloy.....	R. H. Wood.....	First Wednesday
104	Reston.....	Reston.....	E. J. W. Hall.....	John Cuthill.....	Second Thursday
105	Prince Arthur.....	Swan River.....	V. S. Poulsen.....	J. Livesey.....	First Thursday
106	Strathclair.....	Strathclair.....	T. D. McLean.....	H. W. Clark.....	Third Tuesday
107	Landowne.....	Griswold.....	B. Goldenberg.....	J. G. McMillan.....	Fourth Wednesday
108	Union.....	Brookdale.....	J. L. Black.....	W. H. Clegg.....	First Thursday
109	Swan Lake.....	Swan Lake.....	W. Livingston.....	G. O. Couch.....	Wednesday on or before full moon
110	Kilwinning.....	Minco.....	D. J. MacDonald.....	K. W. Sprott.....	Second Monday
111	Acacia.....	Winnipeg.....	Robt. Sharp.....	Wm. Dewar.....	Second Wednesday
112	Ophir.....	Beausjour.....	E. H. Gretzinger.....	Wm. Craik.....	First Friday
113	Twed.....	Brdon.....	H. S. Perdue.....	Ed. Braum.....	Third Tuesday
114	"The Assiniboine".....	Winnipeg.....	Wm. Fraser.....	O. E. MacQuoid.....	First Tuesday
115	Rivers.....	Rivers.....	J. A. Gluchrist.....	R. G. Sinclair.....	Last Monday
116	St. Andrew's.....	Wellwood.....	H. G. Turner.....	J. H. Caldwell.....	Monday on or after full moon
117	Strathcona.....	Felmont.....	R. D. Saunders.....	Wm. Owen.....	Tuesday on or before full moon
118	Mound.....	Pilot Mound.....	R. A. Creth.....	R. E. Hicks.....	Fourth Thursday
119	Norwood.....	Norwood.....	L. T. Force.....	W. M. Summers.....	Second Thursday
120	Penza.....	Dominion City.....	H. Spence.....	A. G. Froom.....	Fourth Tuesday

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121	St. James	St. James	A. R. James	Thos. King	Second Wednesday
122	Roblin	Roblin	W. H. Sorbo	Geo. Kelso	Second Monday
123	Transcona	Transcona	E. A. Badke	F. G. Turner	First Friday
124	The Pas	The Pas	A. L. Jacobs	G. A. Williams	First Thursday
125	Patricia	Sperling	W. G. Peckover	H. J. Tiaden	First Wednesday
126	Favel	Minotons	H. Clec	H. Laing	First Tuesday
127	Empire	Weston	S. McGowan	Jas. Wardrope	Second Monday
128	Victory	Benito	W. G. Winslow	C. F. Drager	Third Wednesday
130	Fort Garry	Winnipeg	A. C. Fitch	W. D. G. Runions	Second Wednesday
131	Kildonan	East Kildonan	E. F. Aldiss	A. H. Brotherhood	Second Tuesday
132	Sprague	Sprague	Thos. McCarthy	J. W. Emes	Second Wednesday
133	McCreary	McCreary	J. Allan	T. E. Squire	Second Thursday
134	Stony Mountain	Stony Mountain	R. F. Greene	R. L. Walker	First Wednesday
136	Capitol	Winnipeg	A. J. Maskell	George Newman	First Friday
137	Lord Selkirk	Winnipeg	W. Hutchinson	G. R. Mackay	Second Wednesday
138	Windsor	St. Vital	W. E. Mun	J. B. McClure	Second Monday
139	Beaver	Winnipeg	W. F. MacKenzie	F. H. Herbert	Second Thursday
140	Meridian	Winnipeg	Geo. Kerslake	Jas. Mowat	Third Thursday
141	Tuscan	Winnipeg	N. C. Law	A. R. Simpson	Second Friday
142	Harmony	Cardale	R. A. Dick	S. W. Smith	Third Thursday
143	Mt. Sinai	Winnipeg	T. J. Serehrin	F. B. Dubinsky	Fourth Thursday
144	Fort Osborne	Winnipeg	F. W. Woodward	T. J. Booth	First Tuesday
145	Sturgeon Creek	Sturgeon Creek	A. R. Piper	E. W. Browne	Second Monday
146	Fidelity	Winnipeg	W. W. Pile	Wm. Wilson	Third Friday
147	Jubilee	Bowman	C. B. Dawson	Henry Stevens	Second Thursday
148	Seven Oaks	West Kildonan	R. A. Morrison	C. J. Dixon	Second Friday
150	Cartwright	Cartwright	C. I. Day	W. H. Newton	Third Tuesday
151	The Dormet	East Kildonan	Melhuish	R. W. Ross	First Tuesday
152	Foxwarren	Foxwarren	Wm. MacGrawan	V. G. Hillcox	First Wednesday
153	Flin Flon	Flin Flon	D. F. Cowie	S. E. T. Dodd	First Tuesday
154	Pine Falls	Pine Falls	B. H. Campbell	Wm. Bird	Second Friday
155	Carman	Carman	Louis Sures	J. A. Leslie	Third Tuesday
156	Manitowayapa	Mooshorn	Thos. Moorby	W. A. L. Armstrong	Third Monday
U.D.	Rice Lake	Bissett	Frank Sutton	G. H. Lucas	First Friday

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No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946
1	Prince Rupert's	5	9	13	2	1	3	1	...	7	403	404 E-8
2	Lisgar	17	17	19	2	1	1	...	...	...	120	139
3	Ancient Landmark	12	16	15	1	5	1	...	...	...	338	345
4	St. John's	19	17	17	7	3	3	...	...	10	570	586
6	Emerson	3	3	4	...	...	2	...	...	1	68	68
7	Assiniboine	22	25	31	7	1	7	...	...	4	230	248
8	King Solomon	3	2	2	1	...	2	...	...	1	70	71
10	Northern Light	19	19	20	9	...	2	...	...	8	274	291
11	Gladstone	5	5	4	...	3	4	...	...	3	75	76
12	Stonewall	14	14	9	4	1	2	...	...	2	97	112 E-1
13	Morden	5	6	6	3	...	2	...	...	3	81	84
14	Prince of Wales	2	3	3	2	1	2	...	...	...	107	110 E-3
15	Corinthian	4	4	5	...	1	2	...	...	...	55	58
19	Brandon	16	13	12	...	...	2	...	...	4	195	208
24	Neepawa	3	3	8	2	...	2	...	...	2	149	150
25	Ionic	49	34	39	3	3	2	...	...	9	507	551
27	Glenwood	11	8	8	2	...	5	...	...	...	167	175
29	Carberry	6	5	5	2	...	4	...	...	...	65	71
30	Manitou	7	6	3	1	2	4	...	...	1	55	60
36	Doric	7	5	9	1	...	1	...	...	...	85	94 E+2
39	Birtle	9	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	2	44	51
40	Deloraine	11	12	12	2	4	5	...	...	2	78	88
43	Lebanon	3	4	3	2	1	7	...	...	2	103	100
44	Oak Lake	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	33	32
48	Glenboro	5	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	51	58
49	Temple	6	6	7	2	...	...	...	...	3	82	87

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1946—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instated	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946
50	Killarney.....	4	2	2	....	1	2	1	....	3	69	68
51	Treherne.....	7	10	10	.... 1	....	1	....	....	1	49	55 E-2
52	Hartney.....	15	10	15	.... 2	....	2	1	....	....	82	96
54	Oriental.....	3	3	2	....	....	....	....	....	2	57	58
55	East Star.....	....	1	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	38	37
62	Russell.....	7	7	7	....	....	....	....	....	3	54	58
63	Holland.....	3	3	3	.... 1	....	1	....	....	....	60	63
64	Composite.....	1	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	....	54	53
67	Wawanesa.....	7	5	5	....	....	....	....	....	3	56	60
68	Vermillion.....	12	5	5	.... 2	....	3	....	....	5	177	181
70	Shiloh.....	6	5	3	....	....	1	....	....	1	79	83
71	Crystal.....	13	14	11	....	....	....	1	....	2	52	62 -2
74	Elkhorn.....	3	2	1	....	1	1	....	....	1	50	52
75	Gothic.....	2	2	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	58	60 -1
77	Napinka.....	5	2	4	....	....	2	1	....	1	72	73
82	Cypress.....	2	3	3	.... 1	1	1	1	....	....	37	39
84	Hamiota.....	3	3	5	.... 2	....	....	....	....	2	51	54
86	Elgin.....	3	4	8	.... 1	....	1	....	....	....	66	69
87	Rathwell.....	1	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	1	20	23
90	Midlothian.....	6	6	10	.... 1	2	2	....	....	1	73	79
92	Shoal Lake.....	5	4	1	.... 2	2	....	....	....	1	82	90
93	King Edward.....	12	14	14	.... 3	3	5	2	....	10	309	310 -1
94	Hiram.....	7	7	3	.... 1	1	....	....	....	1	72	80
100	Robbie Burns.....	....	3	3	....	2	2	....	....	1	33	32
101	Binscarth.....	6	3	3	.... 1	....	....	....	....	1	33	38
102	Miniota.....	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	4	60	56
103	Crescent.....	17	14	16	.... 1	....	....	....	....	....	58	76

TABULAR STATEMENT OF CONSTITUENT LODGES, 31st DECEMBER, 1946—Continued

No.	NAME OF LODGE	Initiated	Passed	Raised	Affiliated	Re-instituted	Demitted	Sus-pended N.P.D.	Sus-pended U.M.C.	Died	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1945	Member-ship Dec. 31, 1946
130	Fort Garry.....	14	20	13	4	....	....	....	....	2	203	219
131	Kildonan.....	13	10	10	2	....	....	....	....	...	98	113
132	Sprague.....	1	1	2	....	1	....	....	....	1	26	27
133	McCreary.....	7	4	3	....	....	3	....	....	1	42	45
134	Stony Mountain..	12	12	11	....	2	....	....	....	...	49	61
136	Capitol.....	15	15	15	10	....	1	....	....	3	175	196
137	Lord Selkirk.....	7	7	7	....	1	....	....	....	3	98	102
138	Windsor.....	12	15	15	3	....	3	....	....	2	125	135
139	Beaver.....	25	14	28	1	5	3	2	....	6	239	249
140	Meridian.....	24	23	29	6	1	4	....	....	2	272	297
141	Tuscan.....	6	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	1	74	79
142	Harmony.....	2	3	4	....	....	1	....	....	...	29	30
143	Mt. Sinal.....	14	11	12	5	1	2	....	....	2	241	257
144	Fort Osborne.....	9	11	10	2	....	....	....	....	1	129	139
145	Sturgeon Creek..	13	10	13	1	....	....	....	....	2	101	112 E+2
146	Fidelity.....	27	22	22	3	....	5	....	....	...	141	166 E+1
147	Jubilee.....	6	4	3	1	....	....	....	....	...	49	56
148	Seven Oaks.....	7	8	10	2	....	5	2	....	3	97	96
150	Cartwright.....	4	4	4	....	....	3	....	....	...	31	32
151	The Dormer.....	18	19	19	4	....	1	....	....	...	52	73
152	Foxwarren.....	1	1	1	....	....	1	....	....	...	36	36
153	Flin Flon.....	6	6	6	3	....	2	....	....	...	104	111
154	Pine Falls.....	2	2	2	2	....	1	....	....	...	48	51 E-1
155	Carman.....	4	2	1	3	....	....	....	....	3	66	70
156	Manitouwapa ...	6	6	6	1	....	1	....	....	...	56	62

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. of 12 Mem- bers	No. of 12 Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorn.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
1	Prince Rupert's	9	6	15	126	270	70	14	125.00	724.97	1,505.12	698.99	17,644.94	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
3	Ancient Landmark	9	6	15	80	265	65	42	485.00	150.00	800.61	754.50	31,566.39	2,400.00	Active	1	Rent
4	St. John's	9	8	17	206	380	93	48	710.00	180.00	493.86	892.30	21,534.71	6,250.00	Active	1	Rent
10	Northern Light	9	9	18	76	215	69	22	220.00	380.16	787.00	95.00	11,058.24	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
25	Ionic	10	18	28	128	423	94	32	465.00	967.30	6,439.78	45,450.47	8,075.59	500.00	Active	1	Rent
93	King Edward	9	7	16	170	239	110	25	380.00	490.42	1,308.21	215.00	8,788.47	1,600.00	Active	1	Rent
111	Acacia	9	7	16	42	178	47	14	117.00	290.00	773.88	978.67	9,756.87	1,500.00	Active	1	Rent
114	"The Assiniboine"	10	5	15	80	267	65	14	192.00	125.94	1,685.55	357.20	8,401.80	8,700.00	Active	1	Own
119	Norwood	9	13	22	41	186	73	15	175.00	167.50	1,492.31	213.00	9,762.45	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
121	St. James	9	10	19	30	174	65	20	175.00	270.00	1,612.99	705.15	6,447.02	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
127	Empire	9	11	20	27	126	40	8	72.00								

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT, FOR YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. of 12 Mem- bers	No. of 12 Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorn.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
7	Assiniboine	10	27	37	98	150	45	31	248.50	5.00	1,738.44	4,336.75	15,473.32	16,000.00	Active	1	Own
11	Gladstone	12	4	16	30	46	30	15	105.00	23.50	32.50	Nil	3,500.00	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
24	Nepawa	10	4	14	57	93	34	7	49.00	1,047.90	471.05	1,787.00	2,938.03	3,000.00	Active	1	Rent
29	Carberry	11	1	12	35	86	28	5	42.00	Nil	191.70	Nil	2,952.16	3,000.00	Active	1	Own
49	Temple	12	4	16	30	56	25	6	135.00	25.00	323.88	Nil	3,600.00	2,700.00	Active	1	Own
73	Gothic	12	1	13	26	33	14	6	50.00	Nil	180.00	Nil	1,500.00	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
108	Union	11	2	13	27	80	34	2	15.00	Nil	225.96	Nil	1,735.75	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
116	St. Andrew's	10	1	11	21	15	12	10	60.00	30.00	200.00	Nil	1,700.00	1,200.00	Active	1	Own
133	McCreary	10	1	11	13	32	16	5	94.04	109.87	101.42	50.00	145.46	2,400.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem. 12 mons. arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. Rent G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
48	Glenboro	11	..	11	24	34	29	7	67.50	221.80	509.11	Nil	509.11	350.00	Active	1	Rent
51	Teherne	10	4	14	14	15	38	..	12.00	50.00	929.06	Nil	2,000.00	2,000.00	Active	2	Own
63	Holland	10	1	11	23	38	24	..	18.00	115.00	660.00	Nil	980.00	400.00	Active	1	Own
67	Wawanesa	12	1	13	14	41	25	10	245.00	182.00	85.22	Nil	885.00	250.00	Active	1	Rent
82	Cypress	7	1	8	16	23	12	7	54.00	..	592.95	100.40	1,742.55	1,250.00	Active	1	Own
87	Rathwell	9	..	9	6	16	13	1	38.00	50.00	232.86	13.50	519.36	300.00	Active	1	Rent
103	Crescent	10	4	14	13	63	29	1	5.00	291.51	62.58	112.98	1,511.60	800.00	Active	1	Rent
109	Swan Lake	8	2	10	8	23	14	7	54.00	..	244.42	122.94	56.06	200.00	Active	1	Rent
117	Strathcona	12	1	13	22	40	18	25	226.50	..	413.52	Nil	2,540.02	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem. 12 mons. arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. Rent G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
13	Morden	10	2	12	44	40	23	10	78.00	295.00	844.16	Nil	1,200.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
30	Maniton	10	4	14	27	34	15	19	119.00	245.29	178.97	Nil	3,135.26	..	Active	1	Rent
36	Doric	12	14	26	13	81	22	17	145.00	..	682.96	Nil	2,952.00	3,500.00	Active	1	Own
50	Killarney	11	..	11	27	41	16	8	36.50	30.00	191.97	Nil	1,691.97	250.00	Active	1	Rent
71	Crystal	11	7	18	16	44	24	2	8.75	175.50	881.60	Nil	1,131.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent
118	Mound	10	3	13	18	53	17	7	18.00	129.90	796.62	Nil	926.62	100.00	Active	1	Rent
150	Cartwright	11	..	11	14	18	14	9	70.00	55.50	344.00	Nil	484.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held		Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. of 12 Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.												
14	Prince of Wales .	11	1	57	56	24	188.00	80.00	142.85	.....	7,330.85	6,000.00	Active	1	Own
15	Corinthian	12	12	6	52	19	34.00	.....	374.40	.....	3,174.40	1,800.00	Active	1	Own
39	Birtle	11	1	12	37	18	73.00	.....	238.23	63.25	3,107.98	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
62	Russell	10	6	20	39	17	23.00	72.00	137.70	.....	1,350.00	1,200.00	Active	1	Rent
84	Hamota	10	2	7	47	18	90.00	120.00	287.60	.....	1,287.60	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
92	Shoal Lake	11	3	57	33	18	132.00	.....	385.08	715.60	1,973.88	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
101	Binscarth	12	1	13	25	14	360.00	.....	241.74	.....	780.00	500.00	Active	1	Own
102	Miniota	11	3	14	33	18	50.00	.....	161.26	.....	2,761.26	1,825.00	Active	1	Own
106	Strathclair	12	1	13	34	15	36.00	110.00	139.97	106.25	2,143.75	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
115	Rivers	9	4	32	39	19	42.80	.....	773.61	.....	1,600.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
142	Harmony	9	1	11	19	14	105.00	.....	367.00	.....	462.00	500.00	Active	1	Own
152	Foxwarren	11	..	63	23	14	46.00	22.00	163.68	.....	1,800.00	1,300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. of 12 Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
27	Glenwood	10	4	14	85	33	232.00	35.00	1,192.35	580.00	9,420.00	10,000.00	Active	1	Own
40	Deloraine	12	9	21	17	25	40.00	42.00	644.86	84.50	1,732.36	300.00	Active	1	Rent
52	Hartney	8	6	10	34	38	63.00	10.00	460.28	.....	1,607.34	800.00	Active	1	Rent
54	Oriental	10	..	10	13	45	17.25	75.00	404.05	151.35	2,050.95	600.00	Active	1	Rent
77	Napinka	11	1	12	30	43	75.00	.....	356.79	.....	1,056.79	100.00	Active	1	Rent
86	Elgin	7	..	7	11	58	23.00	43.98	545.88	.....	520.88	Nil	Active	1	Rent
104	Reston	12	2	14	20	22	240.00	961.00	546.81	.....	14,342.91	4,500.00	Active	1	Own
110	Kilwinning	12	..	12	30	17	28.00	50.00	156.03	517.61	836.08	2,300.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
19	Brandon	10	13	23	76	132	33	..	.....	194.00	1,988.33	136.00	1,852.33	300.00	Active	1	Rent
43	Lebanon	9	1	10	60	40	28	10	96.75	137.10	161.09	139.42	1,421.67	300.00	Active	3	Rent
44	Oak Lake	9	..	9	16	16	10	17	96.00	63.00	200.67	20.00	1,980.00	2,000.00	Active	1	Own
64	Composite	10	1	11	15	38	25	5	42.00	25.00	174.13	60.40	2,433.73	1,400.00	Active	2	Own
74	Eikhorn	10	2	12	28	24	14	8	75.00	300.00	467.72	2,986.25	156.00	2,500.00	Active	1	Own
107	Lansdowne	10	..	10	12	32	18	23	161.00	15.35	76.00	.....	540.00	540.00	Active	3	Rent
113	Tweed	10	12	22	75	186	45	37	462.00	385.00	1,708.08	1,005.96	19,374.12	Nil	Active	2	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
6	Emerson	12	6	18	30	38	18	17	237.00	158.43	722.40	Nil	4,500.00	3,700.00	Active	1	Own
8	King Solomon ..	10	1	11	22	48	25	10	96.00	25.00	399.22	Nil	4,000.00	2,200.00	Active	1	Own
85	East Star	5	3	8	28	9	12	6	94.00	10.00	400.00	50.00	1,250.00	900.00	Active	1	Own
70	Shiloh	10	1	11	29	54	30	13	92.00	45.00	607.14	75.45	4,823.69	250.00	Active	1	Rent
90	Midlothian	11	3	14	29	51	25	9	45.00	132.67	412.15	470.00	1,219.40	150.00	Active	1	Rent
120	Penza	11	2	13	12	24	13	..	Nil	25.75	199.96	Nil	1,704.43	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
125	Patricia	9	..	9	14	26	22	3	Nil	82.80	344.26	56.55	1,037.71	300.00	Active	1	Rent
132	Sprague	12	2	14	14	12	11	3	21.00	Nil	224.92	Nil	500.00	500.00	Active	1	Rent
155	Carman	10	3	13	11	59	35	4	30.00	71.96	152.05	Nil	952.05	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held		Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem. in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.P. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.													
68	Vermillion	9	1	76	105	35	43	414.00	70.00	430.04	128.00	6,838.34	2,000.00	Active	1	Rent
94	Hiram	12	1	23	57	26	6	44.00	15.00	596.56	200.00	3,450.00	1,500.00	Active	1	Own
100	Robbie Burns ..	9	..	12	20	14	6	42.00	60.00	34.25	36.00	466.71	200.00	Active	1	Rent
105	Prince Arthur ..	12	10	35	50	20	10	105.00	75.00	612.34	..	727.84	450.00	Active	1	Rent
122	Roblin	12	..	12	43	24	1	10.00	..	110.93	..	1,390.00	750.00	Active	1	Own
126	Favel	12	..	13	38	20	15	120.00	20.00	300.19	..	800.19	500.00	Active	1	Rent
128	Victory	12	3	15	28	16	5	22.00	4.13	545.73	..	545.73	300.00	Active	1	Rent
147	Jubilee	10	1	19	37	14	7	56.00	21.00	532.51	32.51	600.00	200.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Reg.	Emer.	Non-Resident Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem. in arrears	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets over Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.P. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
2	Lisgar	10	8	18	99	33	..	259.00	285.00	803.25	Nil	4,000.00	3,000.00	Active	2	Own
12	Stonewall	12	7	19	80	46	1	12.00	653.22	495.91	800.00	2,407.91	1,800.00	Active	2	Own
112	Ophir	10	..	10	10	12	9	76.00	20.00	55.16	Nil	4,961.00	4,300.00	Active	2	Own
123	Transcona	10	9	19	30	40	22	264.00	117.11	1,261.32	Nil	4,304.94	500.00	Active	1	Rent
131	Kildonan	9	3	12	17	40	19	152.50	645.75	1,738.11	96.75	3,793.08	500.00	Active	1	Own
134	Stony Mountain ..	11	6	17	48	21	17	89.00	..	586.70	Nil	2,149.81	4,500.00	Active	1	Own
148	Seven Oaks	9	6	15	83	35	..	..	171.52	127.07	378.00	6,388.84	1,400.00	Active	1	Own
151	The Dorman	9	3	12	73	40	5	50.00	212.00	1,206.01	Nil	2,906.01	500.00	Active	1	Rent
154	Fine Falls	10	2	12	32	15	..	..	29.09	722.96	356.60	2,138.72	400.00	Active	1	Rent
156	Manitouwapa	8	2	10	50	27	4	30.00	20.35	517.22	Nil	1,417.22	500.00	Active	1	Rent

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrear	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets or Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
130	Fort Garry	9	8	17	40	179	65	25	244.00	606.00	270.23	188.00	4,161.90	1,099.00	Active	1	Rent
136	Capitol	9	6	15	33	163	55	26	255.00	610.00	568.80	.....	2,668.00	1,000.00	Active	1	Rent
137	Lord Selkirk ...	9	3	12	21	81	40	14	181.50	187.40	1,170.26	261.00	3,610.76	250.00	Active	1	Rent
138	Windor	9	7	16	10	126	50	12	158.00	125.00	964.00	120.00	23,314.83	20,500.00	Active	1	Own
139	Beaver	9	10	19	60	189	60	31	265.00	305.00	1,822.80	282.00	4,915.30	500.00	Active	1	Own
140	Merridian	9	7	16	43	254	22	36	337.50	421.43	851.35	505.00	12,053.06	1,000.00	Active	1	Own
141	Tuscan	9	1	10	12	67	22	27	235.25	236.20	766.23	.....	1,961.48	350.00	Active	1	Rent
143	Mount Sinai ...	9	3	12	30	227	60	22	236.00	132.00	1,469.53	722.29	9,134.24	500.00	Active	1	Rent
144	Fort Osborne ...	9	4	13	24	115	35	12	86.75	154.20	582.63	136.00	3,727.73	500.00	Active	1	Rent
145	Sturgeon Creek .	9	4	13	12	102	38	8	69.00	203.00	.....	.....	2,937.30	800.00	Active	1	Rent
146	Fidelity	9	4	13	15	152	60	9	90.00	1,171.50	2,313.98	180.00	6,251.48	200.00	Active	1	Own

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LODGES UNDER SPECIAL SUPERVISION OF THE M.W. THE GRAND MASTER
31st DECEMBER, 1946

No. of Lodge	NAME	Meetings Held			Non- Resi- dent Mem- bers	Resi- dent Mem- bers	Aver. Atten. of Mem- bers	No. of Mem- bers in arrear	Total of all Arrear- ages	Paid for Relief	Cash on Hand	Liabilities	Total Assets or Liabilities	Insurance in Force	Con- dition of Lodge Act. or Dorm.	Official Visits by D.D. G.M.'s	Does Lodge Own or Rent Hall?
		Reg.	Emer.	Total													
124	The Pas	11	6	17	42	63	25	12	113.75	50.00	65.80	11,160.96	1,194.09	6,400.00	Active	1	Own
153	Flin Flon	10	11	21	38	73	30	16	125.00	150.15	1,237.55	3,587.81	5,961.80	.....	Active	1	Own

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
Alabama.....	Guy T. Smith.....	Montgomery
Alberta.....	George Moore.....	Calgary
Alpina.....	F. Muller-Ruegg.....	Berne, Switzerland
Arizona.....	Harry A. Drachman.....	Tucson
Arkansas.....	W. A. Thomas.....	Little Rock
British Columbia.....	W. R. Simpson.....	Vancouver—692 Seymour Ave.
California.....	Lloyd E. Wilson.....	San Francisco
Canada (in Ontario).....	Ewart G. Dixon.....	Hamilton, P.O. Drawer 217
Chili.....	Rene Court.....	Santiago
Colombia.....	Enrique de Paramo.....	Bogota, Apartado 2519
Colorado.....	H. W. Bundy.....	Denver, 319 Masonic Temple.
Connecticut.....	Winthrop Buck.....	Hartford
Costa Rica.....	Enrique Chaves Bolanos.....	San Jose, Apt. "Y"
Cuba.....	Dr. Constantino Pais.....	Havana, Apartado 72
Delaware.....	Chester R. Jones.....	Wilmington, 813 Market St.
Denmark.....	A. T. K. Troedsson.....	Copenhagen, 23 Blegdamsvej.
District of Columbia.....	Aubrey H. Clayton.....	Washington, D. C.
Equador.....	Jose A. Vallejo Ycaza.....	Guayaquil
England.....	Sydney A. White.....	London
Egypt.....	Mohammed Bey Riffatt.....	Cairo, Box 148
Florida.....	Geo. W. Huff.....	Jacksonville (2)
France, G. L.....		
France, N. G. L.....		
Guatemala.....	Pedro Donis O.....	Guatemala City
Georgia.....	Daniel W. Locklin.....	Macon
Honduras, C. A.....	Constantino S. Ramos.....	Honduras, C. A.
Idaho.....	Clyde I. Rush.....	Boise, P.O. Box 1667
Illinois.....	R. C. Davenport.....	Harrisburg
Indiana.....	William H. Swintz.....	Indianapolis
Iowa.....	Earl B. Dalzell.....	Cedar Rapids
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard.....	Dublin
Kansas.....	Elmer F. Strain.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	Al. E. Orton.....	Louisville, 200 Shubert Bldg.
Louisiana.....	D. Peter Laguens Jr.....	New Orleans
Maine.....	Convers E. Leach.....	Portland
Manitoba.....	Peter T. Pilkey.....	Winnipeg
Maryland.....	Claud Shaffer.....	Baltimore
Massachusetts.....	Frank H. Hilton.....	Boston, 51 Boylston Ave.
Mexico, York G. L.....	Fred T. Berger.....	Mexico City, D.F. Apt. 1896.
Michigan.....	F. Homer Newton.....	Grand Rapids
Minnesota.....	John H. Anderson.....	St. Paul
Mississippi.....	Sid. F. Curtis.....	Meridian, Box 1030
Missouri.....	Harold J. Reader.....	Kansas City
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Helena
Nebraska.....	Carl R. Greisen.....	Omaha, 401 Masonic Temple
Netherlands.....		
Nevada.....	E. C. Peterson.....	Carson City, 500 Mountain St.
New Brunswick.....	R. D. Magee.....	Saint John, P.O. Box 430.
New Hampshire.....	J. Melvin Dresser.....	Concord, 44 S. Main St.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES WITH THE NAMES AND
ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	Jas. S. Miller	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Christchurch, C. I. P.O. Box 1293
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Northern China, D.G.L.		
Norway		
Nova Scotia	R. V. Harris	Halifax
Ohio	Harry S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	Claude A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	Harry D. Proudfoot	Portland
Panama	Jose Oller	Panama, Apartado 84
Paraiba	Augusto de Almeida Simoes	Paraiba Brazil, P.O. Box 3
Pennsylvania	Matthew Galt, Jr.	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands		
Puerto Rico	Rodolfo Ramirez Pabon	San Juan
Prince Edward Island	L. A. McDougall	Charlottetown, P.O. Box 112.
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	Leslie P. Marks	Brisbane, Box 675K, G.P.O.
Rhode Island	N. Arthur Hyland	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	Dionysio Coutinho	Rio de Janeiro, P.O. Box 2215
Santa Domingo	Jose Marie Perez Andujar	Santa Domingo
Saskatchewan	Robert A. Tate	Regina
Sao Paulo	Joffre Prestes	Sao Paulo, Brazil, P.O. Box 261
Scotland	W. King Gillies	Edinburgh, 96 George St.
South Africa	F. L. Knight	Cape Town
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	E. F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	Thomas E. Doss	Nashville, P.O. Box 216
Texas	George H. Belew	Waco
Utah	E. R. Gibson	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Burlington
Victoria	William Stewart	Melbourne, 25 Collins St
Vienna		
Virginia	James F. Clift	Richmond
Washington	John L. Preisener	Tacoma
West Virginia	I. Wade Coffman	Charleston, P.O. Box 2346
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth, Box 4-117, G.P.O.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	Irving E. Clark	Casper

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama.....	Chas. H. Stubinger.	Birmingham.....	Mar. 10, 1937
Alberta.....	Samuel Harris.....	High Prairie.....	Jan. 2, 1941
Alpina.....	Wm. Planta.....	Berne, Switzerland.	Sept. 2, 1941
Arizona.....	Rev. Robt. S. Calder.	Phoenix.....	Jan. 31, 1940
Arkansas.....	John H. Pinson.....	El-Dorado.....	Mar. 27, 1925
British Columbia.....	Donald Adams.....	Revelstoke.....	Oct. 13, 1930
Canada (in Ontario)...	Chas. S. Hamilton...	Toronto.....	Mar. 22, 1944
Chili.....	Artouro de la Cruz...	Santiago.....	Oct. 14, 1929
Colombia.....	Alfred G. Williams..	Bogota.....	Nov. 24, 1942
Colorado.....	Ira C. Foster.....	Montrose.....	Feb. 24, 1940
Connecticut.....	Willard A. Hunt.....	Forestville.....	April 22, 1939
Costa Rica.....	Eric C. Murray.....	San Jose.....	Aug. 1, 1921
Cuba, Island of.....	Tomas E. Sierra.....	Havana.....	June 6, 1923
Delaware.....	Louis S. Cain.....	Wilmington.....	Jan. 29, 1927
Denmark.....	A. T. K. Troedsson..	Copenhagen.....	Sept. 4, 1946
District of Columbia...	Needham C. Tumage..	Washington.....	July 20, 1908
Ecuador.....	Octavio Moran.....	Guayaquil.....	July 21, 1932
Egypt.....	Alfred Seffer.....	Cairo.....	Dec. 8, 1925
England.....	The Rt. Hon. Viscount de Vesci.	Monk Hopton, Bridgnorth.....	Nov. 25, 1939
Florida.....	Frank H. Brown.....	Miami.....	April 2, 1940
France, G.L.....	Louis Doignon.....	Paris.....	Nov. 29, 1926
France, N.G.L.....	J. C. D. Scarlett....	Paris.....	April 26, 1936
Guatemala.....	Irving Stahl.....	Guatemala.....	Oct. 31, 1945
Georgia.....	John A. Bishop.....	Atlanta.....	Feb. 1, 1933
Honduras.....	Jesus M. Lopez.....	Honduras.....	Dec. 1, 1931
Idaho.....	Neil R. Fitch.....	Payette.....	Dec. 9, 1941
Illinois.....	G. Haven Stephens...	Danville.....	Aug. 30, 1924
Indiana.....	Harry J. Beers.....	New Albany.....	Feb. 5, 1945
Ireland.....	David Ferris.....	Newry.....	Nov. 1, 1921
Kansas.....	Harold B. Groff.....	Topeka.....	Sept. 18, 1936
Kentucky.....	John L. Vest.....	Walton.....	Aug. 15, 1927
Louisiana.....	Thomas Gessner.....	Hammond.....	May 10, 1940
Maine.....	Porter A. Roberts....	Portland.....	July 20, 1937
Maryland.....	Chas. Reichhardt....	Baltimore.....	Feb. 5, 1944
Massachusetts.....	Edwin O. Childs.....	Newton.....	Nov. 5, 1936
Mexico, York G.L.....	R. B. E. Turnbull....	Mexico City.....	July 6, 1933
Michigan.....	Louis Anderson.....	Omena.....	June 1, 1932
Minnesota.....	Lloyd Peabody.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 29, 1931
Mississippi.....	A. F. Copeland.....	Leland.....	April 19, 1932
Missouri.....	Harris C. Johnston...	Boonville.....	Nov. 16, 1936
Montana.....	W. J. Johnston.....	Thompson Falls...	July 8, 1937
Nebraska.....	Ernest C. Purdy.....	Gordon.....	July 7, 1943
Netherlands.....	K. G. Jorksvelde....	Utrecht.....	Feb. 2, 1939
Nevada.....	Sam. P. Kafoury.....	Reno.....	June 2, 1933
New Brunswick.....	Alfred Page.....	Woodstock.....	April 14, 1939
New Hampshire.....	Donald W. Hopkins...	Greenfield.....	Aug. 27, 1943
New Jersey.....	James F. Russell.....	Jersey City.....	April 1, 1923
New Mexico.....	John G. Benton.....	Jal.....	Dec. 4, 1945
New South Wales.....	E. E. Cupit.....	Sydney.....	Oct. 13, 1923
New York.....	Julius N. Hoff.....	Brooklyn.....	Mar. 15, 1945
New Zealand.....	Gilbert T. Bull.....	Gisborne.....	Oct. 15, 1909
North Carolina.....	J. L. Peacock.....	Tarboro.....	July, 1935

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES—Continued

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
North Dakota.....	Paul B. Griffiths....	Grand Forks.....	Jan. 5, 1939
Norway.....	Jas. W. Berg.....	Oslo.....	Nov. 1, 1924
Nova Scotia.....	Rev. G. R. Thompson	Truro.....	May 18, 1943
Ohio.....	Forest R. Dwyer....	Bradford.....	July 28, 1943
Oklahoma.....	J. Gard Duncan.....	Wapanucka.....	Dec. 31, 1946
Oregon.....	Wilmot K. Royal.....	Portland.....	Dec. 4, 1933
Panama.....	Raymond L. Toledano.	Panama.....	Dec. 1, 1926
Paraiba.....	Dr. Arlindo Correa...	Paraiba, Brazil....	July 10, 1939
Philippine Islands....	Gonzalo T. Vales....	Manila.....	Feb. 6, 1940
Puerto Rico.....	Leon G. Reyes.....	Caguas.....	May 4, 1945
Prince Edward Island..	Donald Baker.....	Summerside.....	May 8, 1936
Quebec.....	W. R. Allen.....	Montreal.....	Jan. 14, 1918
Queensland.....	William K. McLuckie.	Brisbane.....	June 1, 1923
Rhode Island.....	Jas. B. Littlefield...	Providence.....	Sept. 18, 1943
Rio de Janeiro.....	L. Bert Love.....	Rio de Janeiro....	Nov. 11, 1944
Sao Paulo.....	Carlos Reis Filho....	Sao Paulo, Brazil..	Jan. 5, 1939
Saskatchewan.....	F. C. Hayes.....	Swift Current.....	July 23, 1945
Scotland.....	Rev. Hugh F. Reid....	Chirnside.....	Jan. 8, 1930
South Australia.....	E. J. Copping.....	Adelaide.....	Aug. 1, 1930
South Carolina.....	William W. Gregory...	Inman.....	May 15, 1934
South Dakota.....	W. D. Swain.....	Sioux Falls.....	Jan. 15, 1937
Tasmania.....	R. V. W. Green.....	Launceston.....	April 24, 1928
Tennessee.....	Ira Parker.....	Nashville.....	Mar. 1, 1932
Texas.....	J. W. Pender.....	Denton.....	Mar. 1, 1931
Utah.....	John W. Buck.....	Park City.....	Oct. 4, 1945
Vermont.....	A. Horace Winchester	Brattleboro.....	Jan. 5, 1944
Victoria.....	Edgar J. Carter.....	Melbourne.....	Sept. 10, 1934
Virginia.....	R. A. Hutchison.....	Manassas.....	Mar. 27, 1942
Washington.....	A. E. Emerson.....	Ellensburg.....	Dec. 8, 1916
West Virginia.....	Charles B. Ahrens....	Wheeling.....	Aug. 17, 1939
Western Australia.....	Arthur G. Stiles.....	Perth.....	Aug. 16, 1934
Wisconsin.....	Ray H. Watson.....	Milwaukee.....	May 1, 1939

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Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Alabama	Francis H. Dagg	Holland	Mar. 31, 1920
Alberta	Hugh M. Kerr	Brandon	Nov. 25, 1930
Alpina (Switzerland)	W. C. Birt	Winnipeg	Oct. 22, 1930
Arizona	Oliver L. Best	Winnipeg	Mar. 29, 1944
Arkansas	Fred. H. Blythe	Winnipeg	
British Columbia	J. C. Grant	Winnipeg	Oct. 1, 1945
Canada (in Ontario)	N. D. Lawrence	Winnipeg	Sept. 13, 1940
Chili	N. J. Black	Winnipeg	May 13, 1920
Colombia	Chas. H. Wells	Winnipeg	June 4, 1947
Colorado	K. R. Kennedy	Winnipeg	Mar. 5, 1938
Connecticut	M. S. Donovan	Brandon	May 21, 1935
Costa Rica	R. McKenzie	Roland	May 30, 1923
Cuba, Island of	J. Morgan Davies	Winnipeg	May 27, 1940
Delaware	H. A. Adair	Treherne	Jan. 23, 1946
Denmark	Stanley H. Fabmri	Portage la Prairie	Oct. 17, 1930
District of Columbia	A. H. Steventon	Winnipeg	May 18, 1932
Ecuador	S. W. Robertson	Winnipeg	April 26, 1946
Egypt	Edward T. Hardman	Newdale	June 2, 1934
England	Justice Wm. J. Major	Winnipeg	June 12, 1935
Florida	S. Hart Green	Winnipeg	April 30, 1945
France, N.G.L.	Chas. Midwinter	Winnipeg	Mar. 3, 1937
France, G.L.			
Guatemala	E. J. Smillie	Elgin	Apr. 20, 1946
Georgia	W. A. Prugh	Brandon	June 5, 1947
Honduras	A. G. Cowan	Winnipeg	Oct. 17, 1930
Idaho	D. A. Best	Sturgeon Creek	Apr. 21, 1945
Illinois	William R. Leslie	Morden	June 21, 1931
Indiana	Robert E. Emmett	St. James	April 3, 1944
Ireland	John T. Boyd	Winnipeg	Oct. 3, 1935
Kansas	Jabez Miller	Winnipeg	June 15, 1914
Kentucky	Wm. McLellan	Winnipeg	Oct. 10, 1945
Louisiana	Charles E. Cole	Portage la Prairie	Feb. 28, 1938
Maine	W. D. Harper	Emerson	Jan. 19, 1937
Maryland	David Ferguson	Moosehorn	Nov. 5, 1945
Massachusetts	Hugh A. Innes	Winnipeg	May 1, 1945
Mexico, York G.L.	M. A. Nitikman	Winnipeg	May 23, 1940
Michigan	Dr. O. S. Ross	Virden	Mar. 1, 1941
Minnesota	Ben C. Parker	Winnipeg	Jan. 13, 1938
Mississippi	Peter T. Pilkey	Winnipeg	Feb. 9, 1945
Missouri	Maris H. Garton	Winnipeg	Jan. 31, 1934
Montana	M. S. Watson	Deloraine	Feb. 26, 1941
Nebraska	Hugh Mackenzie	Winnipeg	Nov. 15, 1935
Netherlands	A. L. Crossin	Winnipeg	July 9, 1921
Nevada	Harry Coddington	Winnipeg	June 4, 1947
New Brunswick	Canon Geo. K. Calvert	Winnipeg	April 27, 1938
New Hampshire	George Hunter	Winnipeg	Dec. 6, 1926
New Jersey	Wm. G. Corbett	Stonewall	May 27, 1940
New Mexico	H. B. Donnelly	St. Vital	July 1937
New South Wales	James Mackie	Winnipeg	June 10, 1921
New York	Rev. Geo. A. Woodside	Winnipeg	May 14, 1932
New Zealand	Samuel Burland	St. Vital	Mar. 22, 1937
North Carolina	Robert Peel	Miniota	Sept. 4, 1941
North Dakota	J. Frank Dart	McKenzie Island	Jan. 18, 1937
Norway	J. P. McKinnon	MacGregor	Oct. 24, 1920
Nova Scotia	David S. Woods	Winnipeg	Oct. 13, 1926
Ohio	Arthur E. Boyle	Winnipeg	June 10, 1924

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND LODGE OF
MANITOBA—Continued**

Grand Lodge	Representative	Address	Date
Oklahoma.....	Harry M. Smith....	Melita	Feb. 24, 1941
Oregon.....	J. James Henderson..	St. James.....	June 20, 1924
Paraiba.....	Alex. Campbell.....	Winnipeg.....	1946
Philippine Islands.....	John Livesey.....	Swan River	1947
Panama.....			
Puerto Rico.....	George V. Henderson..	Strathclair	July 5, 1941
Prince Edward Island..			
Quebec.....	Harvey T. Waters....	Winnipeg.....	May 17, 1940
Queensland.....	J. D. Harrower	Wawanesa	Jan. 24, 1946
Rhode Island.....	Dr. J. R. C. Evans....	Brandon	Oct. 18, 1945
Rio de Janeiro.....	W. C. McDonald....	Roland.....	1947
Santa Domingo.....	William G. Shaw.....	Elgin.....	May 30, 1932
Saskatchewan.....	Alex. Burgess.....	Winnipeg.....	Jan. 21, 1937
Scotland.....	William Douglas.....	Winnipeg.....	1936
South Australia.....	Daniel Hawe.....	Benito.....	Jan. 14, 1931
South Carolina.....	Chas. R. Sayer.....	Winnipeg	May 20, 1940
South Dakota.....	Jas. Wardrope.....	Winnipeg	Apr. 10, 1945
Tasmania.....	Thos. Dodsworth	Winnipeg	July 21, 1945
Tennessee.....	James S. MacEwing....	Treherne	Oct. 15, 1913
Texas.....	H. G. Kilpatrick....	Forrest	Feb. 14, 1941
Utah.....	Donald MacDonald....	Ninette	May 24, 1941
Vermont.....	Dr. Frank K. Purdie..	Griswold.....	May 13, 1932
Victoria.....	Raymond M. Snider..	Stonewall	June 20, 1945
Vienna.....			
Virginia.....	Harry Woods.....	Winnipeg.....	Aug. 7, 1935
Washington.....	George R. Mackay....	Winnipeg.....	May 20, 1929
West Virginia.....	David Griffith.....	St. Vital	Nov. 27, 1944
Western Australia.....	A. J. Wright.....	St. Vital.....	1946
Wisconsin.....	Norman M. Hall.....	Winnipeg	May 7, 1945

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

HUGH M. KERR
Chairman



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CONDITION OF FREEMASONRY

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1946

This last year, as you will note by the Grand Secretary's report, has been one of the most prosperous in our history. Our increase in membership has been remarkable. This trend will no doubt continue for some years. Being one who entered Masonry during the last war and having seen the great loss of members when the period of prosperity is passed, I cannot but speak a word of caution.

Masonry is or should be a select Order made up of those who have the physical, mental and moral capacity to learn, understand and practice the philosophy of Masonry.

As I have traveled about the state complaints have come to me that some of the new members are not attending Lodge and that others have seemingly joined the Lodges for the sole purpose of becoming members of the so-called higher bodies. That quite a few do not learn the third degree lecture. It is this Grand Master's contention that a brother cannot understand or appreciate the work of the so-called higher degrees until he is well grounded in the lessons of the first three. He should be made to understand that Ancient Craft Masonry is the basis and foundation of all Masonic teaching and that it is the supreme Masonic authority in this Jurisdiction. The third degree lecture is the most important of all the lectures for without a knowledge of this he is not able to meet his Masonic brethren or attend a foreign Lodge.

CALIFORNIA. Grand Master. 1946

The Grand Master reported that on July 5th he set sail for the Hawaiian Islands for the first time in five years, with the Masonic emblem flying from the masthead of the "S.S. Matsonia," in his report he mentions that there is evidence that a clandestine Lodge of Masonry is operating in the Islands and drawing into its fold numerous candidates of Polynesian, Chinese, Japanese and mixed extractions. Some of our serious minded brethren on the Islands

are of the opinion that it will not be long before applications for a Dispensation to charter a so-called International Lodge. It will undoubtedly be the subject of much controversy. Grand Lodge may have to consider this subject sooner we think, in its solution, if it is shown that the applicants are good men and true, I hope that we may be as tolerant as the people in the Islands are toward each other. If, on the other hand, the application should originate from those who have selfish or mercenary motives, we should not hesitate to deny the application.

CALIFORNIA. Grand Secretary. 1946

California shows a net gain of 11,384 and a total net membership of 161,752. Evidences that their lodges have been busy form the fact that they have conferred 41,401 degrees on their own candidates.

CANADA (in Ontario). Grand Master. 1946

Our membership as of 31st of December, 1945, was 99,509, an increase of 3,338, details of which will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary. Lodge Summonses received since the 1st of January would indicate that we again exceed 100,000 in numbers.

There is no doubt in my mind that the so-called average man on the street is thinking along more serious lines as a result of experiences during the past six years. A survey of applicants seeking admission would indicate more than average maturity in age. If these assumptions are correct, we may reasonably expect that they are prompted to solicit those privileges by reason of a sincere wish to render themselves more extensively serviceable to their fellowmen. Again assuming their sincerity, a duty devolves upon us.

CANADA (in Ontario). Committee on Condition of Masonry. 1946

The problem of Masonic Education seems to be causing the Lodges a considerable amount of agitation. This is as it

should be as from this condition something will come that will be of concrete and progressive nature. This problem of Masonic Education has been one that it has been rather difficult for the Lodges in general to do very much about. Men as a rule will do those things that they can see require to be done. They will build a temple; they will construct and furbish a Lodge room; they will make the proper furniture; they will make things letter perfect in ritual. All these things they do perfectly because they see and can know them. Education, on the other hand, is something that each and every individual Mason must construct a foundation which he, and he alone, can furnish. The things of Saul are not the things of David nor yet of Solomon. In other words what is the goal of Masonic Education? The chairman of the Committee of Masonic Education, R.W. Brother Nelson Hart, has given a great deal of study to this matter and the work that he has done cannot be estimated. We know that the seed which he has sown will burgeon and bear fruit. The District Deputy from Windsor, in his report, refers to this subject as follows:—

“Masonic Education during the past year has received serious consideration. Right Wor. Bro. D. Paterson, who was in charge, has rendered valuable service. He has emphasized that the need for education is in direct proportion to the number of new members and therefore in inverse proportion to the time available as all Lodges seem to be having a full share of candidates, which leaves less time for educational purposes. However, I feel that the efforts put forth this last year will greatly assist in maintaining the standard of Masonic knowledge we all hope for. We have faith to believe that once the foundations are truly laid and the frame work constructed that time will be found to explore those realms whence decorations may be brought suitable to adorn the structure we have built, the jewels or thought whose colour does not fade.”

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1946

The Grand Master reports that the state of the Craft is excellent. Financially they are sound; membership is increasing; Lodges are busy; Masonic spirit evidenced in enthusiasm.

IRELAND. Deputy Grand Master. 1946

In Natal a new Lodge, Donoughmore, has been founded. The promoters wrote to the Grand Master for permission to call the Lodge after him, (the Grand Master being the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Donoughmore, K.P.), and the Grand Master wrote the Deputy Grand Master to know if he thought that the Grand Lodge would object to a Lodge, being called after a living Brother. This matter being taken up at Grand Lodge was approved and endorsed.

Brother Streit, Shanghai, reports that some brethren at great risk to themselves, got possession of the warrant and records of Lodge Erin, and saved them by placing them in neutral custody. The Lodge is open again and regular meetings held. Some members have gone to Hong Kong and have petitioned for a warrant for an Irish Lodge there.

KENTUCKY. Grand Master. 1945

Masonry has decidedly been "on the move" in this Jurisdiction, showing a net gain in membership of 5,157 and in physical assets have been among the greatest in history of our Grand Lodge. To these tangible gains have added those great intangibles which are inevitably the by-products of such achievements. Growing, successful lodges are happier lodges, their officers inspired to better work, their members more interested, their influence in the community greater. In all these things we rejoice, but at the same time we pray that these additions to the Masonic structure have been built into it soundly and firmly so that no weakness will be exposed when adverse winds blow.

The historical experience of this and other organizations has been that in eras of material prosperity, war economic conditions which bring people from small communities into the industrial or commercial centers, social and fraternal societies enjoy substantial growth. Such conditions beget a sense of loneliness and isolation which drives these victims of dislocated relationship to seek the shelter of the Masonic Lodge. By the same token the reversal of these

conditions, or a period of depression, result in a reversal of this trend and all gains may disappear.

The most dangerous period for us is a period of prosperity. Upon us rests the heavy responsibility of making certain that these new members are properly instructed. They have come to us looking for bread. See ye to it that they are not handed a stone. Ours is the responsibility of conferring the degrees in such a manner as to impress these postulants with their dignity, their beauty, their philosophy and their power to enrich the lives of men. Ours is the responsibility of seeing to it that the new brother shall find in the lodge a sympathetic, cordial atmosphere in which he is welcomed with a degree of personal solicitude that satisfies the craving of his soul for friendly, understanding brotherhood. If we measure up to that responsibility we shall have been both wise and good Masons and may contemplate with serene confidence the recession of the tide which has always followed its flooding.

The last great flood tide was a quarter of a century ago, at which time thousands of applicants were accepted without proper "screening" and without proper preparation or "processing." The ritual exemplifications were "streamlined" until their real purpose and value disappeared. Candidates learned only a few means of identification and nothing of the beauty, the philosophy, or the ideology of the great institution of Freemasonry. Hence it was perfectly natural that they experienced no real interest or enthusiasm and ultimately became unaffiliated as the logical result of disappointment and indifference. I have no patience with those Masonic speakers and writers who criticize these men who fell away from us in such numbers in the past decade and a half. We were ourselves at fault more than they, and our beloved fraternity became the victim of our own apostasy. Let us here and now highly resolve that this shall never happen again.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1946

I am very happy to report that peace and harmony prevails throughout the State. With few exceptions our

Lodges are active and well attended. One of the aims which I had at the beginning of the year was to maintain the excellent condition of peace and harmony which has existed in our Grand Lodge from the time of its creation.

It is with much pleasure to report that we do not have any delinquent Lodges in the State and may I add, without exception the constituent Lodges have co-operated on all matters of interest to the Grand Lodge.

Our suspension list is small. It is indeed gratifying to see so many suspended members reinstating. Even though our purpose is to put more Masonry into men rather than more men into Masonry, we have had during the past 12 months a very substantial increase in membership.

It is indeed gratifying and encouraging to see so many of our Lodges throughout the State in the process of erecting new temples. Many of them are constructing temples strictly for fraternal use while others are constructing or considering constructing buildings for the use of fraternal purposes with the ground floor being for rent as a commercial enterprise. I am of the firm opinion that it would be well for the officers of the constituent Lodges to consult the Grand Lodge before getting into any commercial enterprise. The Grand Lodge's records will disclose many instances where commercial ventures on the part of constituent Lodges have brought them much grief and great financial loss as well as loss in membership.

MISSISSIPPI. Grand Secretary. 1946

The Grand Secretary reports an increase of 3,130 in membership.

MAINE. Grand Master. 1946

For the fourth consecutive year our Grand Lodge shows a substantial gain in membership, the net gain for 1945-46 being 1,421. The total of 2,002 Masons raised during the past year is the largest since 1922. The 130 suspensions is likewise the smallest since 1922. Reports indicate a larger

number of meetings and a higher average attendance. Unpaid dues are the lowest in several years. These facts indicate that Maine Masonry is in a prosperous and healthy condition.

In recording impressive statistics however, we fail to measure the much more important and basic factor, namely the extent to which the fundamental principles of our time-honored institution are being practiced.

It is natural that with more degree work, the interest and attendance is greater. However, it is timely to inquire what efforts are being made to inculcate into new Masons, the philosophy of our teachings beyond that absorbed through degree work. Those lodges which have been raising many candidates, have an unusual opportunity to establish a "Beginners Class" for the purpose of giving supplementary instruction. It might be worth while for every lodge to have a "New Brothers' Night" annually, for the purpose of bringing together all those who have been raised during the year, and to give the members further opportunity to become acquainted.

MASSACHUSETTS. Grand Master. 1946

MEMBERSHIP

As we come to the end of the Masonic fiscal year, it is always interesting to know whether we are going forward or backward so far as our numerical strength is concerned.

A year ago this time we were some forty-five per cent ahead of the previous year's figures in the making of new Masons. When the final figures were in hand, that percentage held and we had a substantial gain in this respect. Our net gain of course was not in the same proportion. We have been through a long period of subnormal initiations. During this time, since 1929, our average age has been increasing rapidly and our losses because of deaths, demits and suspensions have been large. The result last year, when we had a real increase in new members—some 4,900—was that our net membership increased only by two thousand.

This year we are again ahead of last year's figures on initiations by some twenty per cent. It is of course too early to know what the final figures will be for the year which ends on August 31st next, but I should be satisfied if we hold our own and perhaps show a slight net gain in our total membership.

It is very gratifying to be able to show an increase in our membership, and just at this time it is unusual for a Lodge to be other than busily engaged in the making of Master Masons. We are told that money is plentiful and it is only natural that some of this money should be used in purchasing degrees in Masonry.

Over the years, Grand Masters have spoken of the danger of losing sight of the fact that it is not numbers that we are interested in. Our experiences following some of these periods of unusual activity in the past have not always been most fortunate. This was not confined to Massachusetts alone, but extended over the country as a whole.

I want to repeat what has been said so many times before, that we have a responsibility to keep our standards of membership at a high level and do not seem to run after every one who knocks at our doors. The pre-application committee in each Lodge has it within its powers to consider each applicant carefully and to sift out any undesirable material and thus build soundly for the future and perhaps forestall any necessity for wholesale suspensions such as may have occurred in the past.

Briefly, our object should not be to get more men into Masonry but rather to put more Masonry into men.

MONTANA. Grand Master. 1947

My own observation during the year and reports from Grand Lodge officers on their visitations to Lodges in their districts indicate that peace and harmony generally prevail and that Masonry is flourishing in Montana. Almost all Lodges are in good shape financially, many have acquired

new temples, remodelled old ones, or are contemplating building. Most lodges have had about all the degree work they could handle, and, as the Grand Secretary's report will show, there has been a substantial gain in membership in the jurisdiction during the year.

This increase in membership is gratifying, but also is cause for serious thought, and raises an important question; one that was given considerable attention at the Grand Masters' conference in Washington—namely, are we making Masons too fast, is there danger of a repetition of conditions that prevailed during the 1930 decade?

It seems to me that many of our Lodges could well give more scrutiny to those seeking admission, and more time to those who are admitted. There is no inherent virtue in mere numbers, and the Lodge that gives all its time and energy to the conferring of degrees is not serving the Fraternity as well as the one which, despite a heavy load of degree work, gives regularly scheduled meetings to an educational program. If we merely make members and fail to make Masons, if we fail to stimulate the interest of those we admit, we are, I fear, heading for another debacle such as we experienced a few years ago, and for the same reasons. May we apply the lessons we learned, or should have learned, from past experiences.

*NEW JERSEY. Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.
1945-1946*

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M.W. Grand Master reading as follows:

Requirements for Visitors:

"It has been brought to my attention that members have vouched for visitors because they sat in lodge with them at some time, yet have no knowledge that the one they vouch for is in good standing. Many of these visitors have been suspended Masons and only last year I learned of two visitors, vouched for, who were members of a clandestine lodge. To correct this, the Grand Secretary has been instructed to have placards printed for

distribution to the lodges and to be displayed in the ante-room when they meet, bearing the following notice:

'Visitors, whether or not vouched for, must present a receipt for dues for the current or next preceeding year, before being allowed to sign the register, or being given an examination.'

Your Committee fraternally reports that it has carefully considered the recommendation and is in agreement in general with the principle involved. It is of the opinion, however, that to exclude from the privilege of visitations all who may be in arrears for dues for two years even though they may be in good standing in their lodges, might work injustice and that further time is required for satisfactorily working out the details. It, therefore, requests and recommends that the matter be laid over for one year.

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1946

In the past four years Masonry has been constantly on the forward move in this and all Grand Jurisdictions. Our tangible gains in membership and physical assets have been among the greatest in the history of our Grand Lodge. To these have been added those great intangibles which are the by-products of such achievements. Growing, successful Lodges are happier Lodges, their Officers inspired to do better work. In all these we rejoice, but at the same time we pray that these additions to the Masonic structure have been built into it soundly and firmly, so that no weakness will be exposed when adverse winds blow.

The history and experience of this and other organizations have been that in eras of material prosperity lies the most danger for us, and upon us rests, therefore, the responsibility of making certain that these new members coming to us looking for bread are not handed a stone. The last great flood tide was a quarter of a century ago when thousands of applicants were accepted without proper screening and without proper preparation or processing. Conferring the degrees was streamlined until their real purpose and value disappeared. Candidates learned only a few means of identification and nothing or little of the beauty and phi-

losophy of Freemasonry. Hence it was perfectly natural that they experienced little interest and ultimately became unaffiliated as a result of disappointment and indifference. We ourselves are at fault more than they, and our beloved Fraternity became the victim of our own apathy. Let us here and now resolve that this shall never happen again.

OREGON. Grand Master. 1946

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATIONS

It has been my privilege to issue dispensations to seven Lodges. From my observation, it appears that the smaller Lodges are the firm foundation on which Freemasonry rests; consequently, the opportunity of testing this theory has been welcomed.

Attention has been called to the fact that some of our Lodges are becoming top heavy with members, who, after they become familiar with degree work, are rarely seen inside the Lodge room. For this, we cannot blame the individual, as only a few can participate in our work and, in my opinion, the interested member is the one who has opportunity to be active.

One dislikes to believe that Lodges are thinking more in terms of fees rather than the good they might be able to do for this sick old world—one dislikes to think that Lodges exist for the benefit of beautiful temples rather than those things they could accomplish for the good of humanity—and looking at the overall picture, it would seem that the pendulum has started to swing back; this is manifesting itself by requests for dispensations, which after thorough investigation as to the probable perpetuity of such Lodges, have been granted in the following order.

Taft Lodge, set to work, June 30, 1945.

Ainsworth Lodge, Salem, set to work July 17, 1945.

Sweet Home Lodge, set to work August 9, 1945.

Alsea Bay Lodge, Waldport, set to work April 13, 1946.

Kingwood Lodge, West Salem, set to work May 14, 1946.

Oak Ridge Lodge, Oak Ridge, set to work May 25, 1946.

Oregon Military Lodge, Frankfurt, Germany.

It is also my recommendation to this Grand Body that charters be issued to Taft Lodge U.D., Ainsworth Lodge U.D., Sweet Home Lodge U.D. and Alsea Bay Lodge U.D.

OREGON MILITARY LODGE U.D.

During the Grand Masters' Conference, the Commission sent to Europe by the Masonic Service Association, to study the needs of Freemasonry, reported that as far as the people of Germany were concerned, Freemasonry was dead, and would remain so for many years; consequently, when your Grand Master received a letter from Brother Stanley Q. Wentz, a member of Hawthorne Lodge No. 111 of Portland, enclosing a petition of a proper number of Master Masons desiring to establish a Military Lodge in the American Headquarters of the Army of Occupation located in Frankfurt, Germany, he felt very kindly toward the idea.

After consulting with the Grand Lodge Trustees, and others he decided that a dispensation was justifiable. Champoege Lodge No. 27 of Canby, Oregon, signified that they would act as a sponsoring or nearest Lodge, and when that action had been taken and the petitioners found to be qualified, a dispensation was issued and air mailed to Frankfurt, Germany, where John P. Merrill, P.M. Amicable Lodge, N. Cambridge, Mass., acting as proxy of the Grand Master, instituted the Lodge.

Perhaps some may think this was not an action of necessity especially when, in the years of the first World War such action was refused; however, if you were overseas during that period, you will admit that there is unusual opportunity for Masonic Lodges to do much good and act as a haven for Americans in a strange land.

After searching the Masonic Code of Oregon, I find nothing that prohibits the establishment of a Military Lodge in a country where Freemasonry is not operating; also, it seemed to me that if the Grand Master of Oregon is empowered to make a Mason at sight he would surely have the lesser power of instituting a Masonic Lodge where he deemed a Masonic Lodge was necessary, especially if it did not conflict with any other Grand Jurisdiction.

Precedent? I do not believe we need a precedent when it comes to serving our fellow-man, and while it is not my intention to whip up a wave of patriotism in this Grand Body to sustain this action, nevertheless it would be appreciated if every one would picture to himself just what a Lodge of Freemasons would mean if he were in a foreign country, and scheduled to stay there for several years.

I trust that this dispensation will be continued by future Grand Masters, or by the Grand Lodge itself, until such time as the need for this Lodge has ceased.

COSMOPOLITAN LODGE

During the year past, your Grand Master has given much thought to those within our borders who, due to circumstances of birth find it difficult to gain admission to Freemasonry. There are many such who qualify in all respects for the privileges of Freemasonry.

Many of these persons are either in business or are taking post graduate courses in our institutions of advanced learning. They are definitely people of good character; however, they have hesitated to petition our Lodges not knowing just what reaction would be encountered.

Information has been given to me that they often have been approached by those desiring to establish clandestine Lodges. To their credit, we have been informed that they have steadfastly refused the spurious organization and, in an attempt to overcome this evil and give them the opportunity of becoming members of the Craft, would it not be a good idea for twelve or more of our liberal minded Brethren to organize a Cosmopolitan Lodge for the purpose of considering petitions from those to whom reference has already been made?

I trust this receives more than a passing glance or thought for it is a problem we, or our sons, will have to face in the future.

RESOLUTION

Cosmopolitan Lodge

To The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon:

We, your Committee on Resolutions, recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, that the portion of the Grand Master's address relative to granting a dispensation to a Cosmopolitan Lodge be referred to the committee on Dispensations and Charters for further study and report at next Annual Communication.

We recommend that if such lodge be organized that the dispensation be granted by the Grand Lodge rather than by the Grand Master.

Fraternally submitted,

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Committee on Resolutions.

A substitute motion was made that the dispensation be granted by the Grand Master if application is properly made therefor and if the Grand Master in all other respects finds the applying groups to be proper.

Resolution and amendment tabled.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP

During my visits to Lodges in the Jurisdiction, I could not help but observe that the smaller the Lodge, the higher percent attendance was recorded. This confirms my belief that many of our Lodges are becoming topheavy in membership.

One of the values of Freemasonry is the opportunity one has in knowing his fellows, of becoming conversant with his problems, of sharing his joys and assisting in the alleviation of his sorrows. If this be so—how can one justify a Lodge so large that only ten per cent or less attend—a Lodge so large that members are not known to each other.

There are twenty-two Lodges in this Jurisdiction that have more than 400 members, one is openly boasting that it intends to have a thousand. It would sometimes seem that we have lost many of our old ideals, that we are allowing

the production and assembly line method of thinking to enter our Fraternal world, that we are selfishly thinking of records in numbers rather than records of members who are doing something for the benefit of humanity in general. No wonder we lose good material to other organizations.

It is to be hoped that all large Lodges will see the folly of having a membership that rarely attends, and will sanction, aid and encourage the formation of other Lodges from their midst. To my mind this would be doing our Fraternity a real service, and be an act of kindness to many who would appreciate the opportunity of doing something more than being an audience.

PENNSYLVANIA. Grand Master. 1946

Abstract of the Proceedings 1946.

The Great Architect of the Universe has showered us with his richest blessings: let us therefore daily give thanks in word and deed.

When, as incoming Grand Master, I addressed you a year ago today, the first matter of my interest and concern was the problem presented by the rapid increase of our membership: were we so busy making members that we had no time to make Masons? That question is even more pressing today, for while in 1944 we initiated 9,973 and 12,080 in 1945, that number in 1946 was over 16,000, the second largest in the 216 years of our history.

I do not wish to repeat all that I said on the subject last year; but I must be even more emphatic in pointing out our responsibilities in the situation. We must take our making of Masons more seriously. We must do our ritualistic work in a proper and dignified way, for first impressions are important and lasting. We must continue to show a personal interest in our new members after they have taken as well as while they are taking their degrees. This interest must be planned, especially by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary of the Lodge, and the recommenders of initiates must be impressed into service in such plans. More specifically, the recommenders should again and again in-

vite those, whom they sponsored, to go with them to the Lodge meetings and to visit in other Lodges.

Lodge officers must plan their work so that the interest in stated meetings shall not be killed by the conferring of undue numbers of degrees. They should plan programs that are instructive as well as entertaining. This advice I would recommend particularly to all Wardens, especially Junior Wardens. It is too late to begin planning after a man has become Master of the Lodge.

This problem of making Masons rather than members is particularly urgent in some of our largest and our most rapidly growing Lodges. At least four Lodges have each received over 170 new members this year, and one Lodge initiated over 200. In addition to the inevitable lowering of the standard of the ritualistic work under such circumstances, several further causes for concern arise.

When 66 names of petitioners are listed on a single Lodge notice, as occurred in one instance, a stated meeting is given over largely to balloting. If all members present were to vote, as required by the Ahiman Rezon (unless excused by the Master, on his own application), it would take all night to perform that function. Therefore what happens is an unwise decline in the exercise by members of their duty to guard against the admission of the unworthy.

When the Master of a Lodge finds himself confronted with the task of appointing over 200 Committees of Inquiry in a single year, he must decide between overworking a few conscientious Past Masters or appointing inexperienced members to perform this most important function of checking on petitioners. However he decides, the inquiries will be hurriedly or carelessly made. The members of the Committee all sign their report stating that "they have made diligent and careful inquiry as to all matters which pertain to the character and residence of the petitioner." Yet from several parts of the State there have come to my attention glaring errors of inadequate inquiry; errors among the least of which is the failure of the petitioner to give his legal (voting!) residence, while others have involved ob-

vious defects of character, such as previous convictions for felony, evidence of current marital infidelity, and obvious ill repute in the community.

Committees of Inquiry have a vitally important task to perform. They must satisfy themselves that the petitioner is an honorable, honest, sober, industrious, law abiding man, who associates with and is well thought of by worthwhile people; that his education and intelligence are such as to make him capable of understanding, learning and practicing the lessons that Freemasonry teaches; that he is qualified both physically and by reason of legal residence to petition. The answers to all of these questions may at times be perfectly obvious; but when they are not obvious, they must the more diligently be sought for, not merely from the petitioner, but neighbors, associates and such others as good judgment may suggest. That takes time and intelligent, conscientious effort.

Yet another by-product of our rapid growth is the development of Lodges that are too large. The larger a Lodge becomes, the more does it defeat its fundamental purpose of promoting a personal, a friendly, a brotherly relationship between its members. The small Lodge has a tremendous advantage over the large by reason of the fact that every member in it knows every other. But in this country we are all too prone to pay homage to the fetish of bigness. Our largest Lodges are therefore often the least willing to set any limits to their own growth. Nor will my counsel on this matter have any more effect than did that of Grand Masters who have preceeded me. Perhaps it would therefore be wise if some day the Grand Lodge itself would take action to curb the rate of growth of Lodges in this Jurisdiction. I certainly advise the study of such possible action.

It is with some concern that I view the lack of formation of any new Lodges, in spite of the rapid growth of our membership. There are several populous communities in the State that have no Masonic Lodge. In others, a single very large Lodge serves a population large enough to support two or three Lodges. In addition to the arguments already stated against Lodges with too many members,

there is the further advantage of having two Lodges in a community that in such places there is less dissension in the Craft and little or no un-Masonic use of the ballot.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1946

The Grand Master reports that many applicants continue to knock at the doors of Freemasonry, and that the report of the Grand Secretary reveals a net increase of 2,921 for the past year, and for the last year a net increase of 3,214 making a total of 6,135. This Grand Lodge did not hold its Annual Communication in 1945 owing to Government regulations.

VERMONT. Grand Master. 1946

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

I have had inquiries from a few lodges about life memberships and the fees which should be charged therefor. Life membership, in my judgment, is a dangerous and unwise thing unless reduced to a conservative actuarial basis and fees charged which will produce, at current interest rates, an annual return of not less than two-thirds of the annual dues charged. Any and all funds from life memberships should be segregated, wisely invested, and only the interest available for current uses. All in all I believe lodges would be happier and more prosperous to let life memberships strictly alone.

There is another form of life membership recognized in the By-laws of many of our lodges, which seems to me unwise. I refer to the remission of all dues to all members when they reach a certain age or have been members for a certain number of years. Two lodges in this state are now each carrying about 125 members without dues, but are paying, of course, the Grand Lodge per capita. Some lodges pass on this per capita, but not many. This dues-free load is a drain on any lodge. Personally, I see no reason why a man seventy years of age or more should not contribute to

the maintenance cost of his lodge if he is financially able. If he is not able, remission each year, generously administered, is an easy way out.

So important do I deem this matter that I make bold to recommend that this Grand Lodge, for the protection of our Lodges and to give an adequate excuse to relieve any possible embarrassment in their relations with ageing members, legislate as follows:

1. That all lodges be urged and requested to eliminate life memberships and/or remission of dues because of age or years of membership, to include all present members who have joined within the past ten years, and all members hereafter joining; and

2. That all lodges be required to pass on to and collect from all members entitled to remission of dues because of age and/or years of membership, all Grand Lodge per capita charges and assessments, subject, of course, to the right of each lodge to remit such charges and assessments but only in cases of actual indigence, whereupon such remission shall be credited on per capita and assessments due Grand Lodge.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1946

A net gain in membership of 1,611 is reported and from information received, undoubtedly the incoming year will show a larger increase. To the uninformed brother, this may appear to be Masonic prosperity, and in a sense it is. But danger lurks around the corner, if the experiences of twenty-five years ago are repeated. We are making members promiscuously whose intentions and motives are not sincerely Masonic and whose interest will wane as soon as the initial glamour of being a Mason has worn off. It is my opinion, therefore, that the committees of investigation, particularly in our smaller lodges, should give due consideration of the purpose of the candidates in presenting their petitions, and it should be determined what their motives are in seeking membership in our Craft. Even though some of them may

appear to be good material for membership at the time of the presentation of their petitions, care should be taken to determine whether or not they will continue to be sincere and loyal Masons when time of distress appears.

A situation allied to this subject is one that will soon be offering difficulty. There are several lodges in our metropolitan areas that have too large a membership. The results are unwieldiness in the lodge activities and programmes and discouragement on the part of younger and newer members to attain offices in the lodges. There has been some suggestion that membership in any one lodge be limited to 500 members. Although I am of the opinion that such a move would be advisable to secure the desired results, it would not now be feasible from a practical standpoint. There are not sufficient Temples in existence to accommodate any new lodges. A study of this situation by the larger lodges is suggested.

SOLICITATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Another situation has arisen that has been discussed to a great extent among the Craft of the State. There are certain bodies whose existence is based upon the symbolic lodge. Extreme competition for membership has arisen among them to such a degree that the solicitation for membership is becoming obnoxious. The instance has been known when a Fellow Craft, before he had been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, was approached with a petition for membership in one of these bodies. Obviously such practice is not healthy for any of the organizations.

ARIZONA. Grand Master. 1946

This has been one of the most eventful and momentous years in the history of man. The day following our last Grand Lodge brought the sad loss of the President and event after event followed in rapid succession.

With the rest of the world Masonry has felt the impact of these changing times. Yet we are more fortunate than many institutions for our Brethren are, or should be, so

deeply steeped in the teachings of Masonry and Americanism that the various types of totalitarianism which arise about us should leave us standing more firmly upon the rock of Freedom and Equality than before. One has but to see the misery following in the wake of totalitarianism to make us fear it and avoid it as a plague.

It is true that nothing in this world remains stable but fundamental truths. We often lose sight of these in this day of rapid change. Let us, for a moment, turn back to a few of those fundamentals that we may stand on firm ground from whence we may make true progress.

The cornerstone of our Anglo-American Civilization is our concept of God and Man's relationship to Him as expressed in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. This is a fundamental Masonic dogma which, with the belief in an after life, is the only religious dogma of our Craft. Though Masonry is not a religion we have this religious belief in which we are all or should be confirmed. This is also deep seated political dogma for in it are all the fundamental seeds from which grow our concept of freedom and the equality of man. Thus, while we are not and never should be of any political party, our members should have certain fundamental political concepts in which they are unalterably confirmed. We believe in the dignity of the individual and that the rights of Man as set forth in the Magna Charta, the Anglican Law and the Bill of Rights, are essential to that dignity.

Other organizations are endeavoring to make man better mentally, morally and spiritually as are we. But there is none other which has in the past brought forth and maintained the concept of freedom as has Masonry. Our very name of Freemason proclaims our mission. For this political ideal our brethren in all lands have risked their honor, their lives and their fortunes. The story of Masonry from the Philippines to Russia in this last war is a brave tale of our continuing belief in and sacrifice for this principle.

The guns are silent but around the shining table sit the men in black tailed coats and the game they play involves the attainment or loss of freedom.

The struggle between Freedom and Totalitarianism goes on and will go on. As our brethren have given so much in the last military struggle, let us continue to support them in time of peace, so that the gains they have given us be not lost in diplomatic maneuvering.

CANADA (IN ONTARIO). Grand Master. 1946

We are again assembled to review our Masonic stewardship for the past year and lay our plans for the year to come. To say we are living in strange and perplexing times is expressing an age-old thought, perhaps never more true than to-day, when discord, fear, hate and strife are rampant.

Some observations might well be made about the road over which we have come, and whither bound. This Grand Lodge meeting ought to be a period of jubilation and thanksgiving. Peace and harmony prevail within our ranks, with a substantial increase in our membership, the restoration of members, and we have the love and confidence of so many other Jurisdictions in Canada and in other Nations. A year ago, there still remained a cloud over the world. It is true our armed forces had won a glorious victory in the European theatre of war: but the Empire of Japan was still a menace to the peace and welfare of the world. In an incredibly short time after the dropping of the atomic bombs, Japan surrendered, and a dramatic finish came to one of the most destructive wars in the history of mankind. For this reason this ought to be the happiest of assemblies.

Still, all is not well with the world. There is much unrest and upheaval, terrific waves are lashing against our ship of state. Think of the waves of crime, the raping of women, theft, hold-ups, black markets, etc. Then think of the waves of distrust—Capital distrusts Labour and Labour distrusts Capital; Nations distrust each other. Think of the International picture in China, Palestine, India, Egypt and on the Continent of Europe; the hunger and the want and the evil attitudes so rampant everywhere. It looks as if our ship of state needed steadying. Can you think of anything stronger than the Anchors of Masonry to keep us steady and sure amid the storm and stress of the times?

You ask "What are these Anchors?" First—The belief in the Fatherhood of God. God is for us, His children, and not against us. He is ever working and building and perfecting His world for man. Second—Belief in the Brotherhood of Man. Men in all walks of life must come closer together in understanding, friendship and good-will. Third—Practice of the Golden Rule in all relationships of life—the doing unto others as you would that others should do unto you. These are the Anchors that will keep us safe when everything about us is falling to pieces.

Will this Civilization survive? It would seem as if the world were being driven by inscrutable powers over the precipice to destruction. Never did mankind have so much material power in his control. We are truly living in the Atomic Age, and every place you look you can see Power. There is the Power of the Home—out of which ought to stream the greatest force in the world, Love. Instead, we see hunger, juvenile delinquency and divorce. There is the Power of Sport—out of which ought to stream laughter and fair play. But, instead, we have seen Sport so commercialized that the main purpose of it has been lost. There is the Power of Education—out of which ought to stream light and wider fellowship. Even here there is still much to be desired in the results achieved. There is the Power of Industry. Masonry calls us to labour and the happy stream of contentment ought to flow from this Power, but it is tragic what we see in the ranks of Labour and Capital to-day. There is the Power of the Government—a Government ought to be "of the people, for the people, by the people"—that is the great democratic end toward which we press; and yet, even here what corrupt practices and selfishness are observed. Then there is also the Power of the Church—out of which ought to stream a great spiritual light, showing man the Way to God; and everyone will agree that even in the Church, a revival of religion is needed.

The fundamental issue of life to-day is spiritual, not material; not how much have I, but what kind of man am I; not how much power lies in my hand, but what kind of human being am I; what use am I making of all the increased power? Robert L. Stevenson, in his favourite book,

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, pointed out the ancient truth found in the Volume of the Sacred Law—"In man there is much evil and much good." Power in the control of evil men will destroy and annihilate, but Power in the control of good men will be useful and purposeful. The task of Masonry is to develop the good, the aesthetic, the moral, the truth. Power in the hands of moral and upright men will be for the strengthening and building of world civilization.

APPRECIATION

This, for me, has been an unforgettable year. The responsibilities of the Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction are enough to bewilder and overwhelm any man were it not for the loyalty and support of Grand Lodge Officers and members and the Craft in general. To them all I express my sincere appreciation for their unfailing support.

Since the ending of the carnage that has taken the greatest toll of human lives in history and caused destruction beyond all estimate, it is my belief that men of goodwill throughout all nations are thoughtfully reviewing events of the past with the intention of dedicating themselves to prevent their recurrence, not alone as it may afflict the next generation but for all foreseeable time.

As one goes about, conversation seems spontaneously to focus itself on this all-to-be-desired objective. And I am impressed by what may be described as a soul searching that is taking place to find a solution for the problems in human relationships.

I cannot help feeling and believing that the pace of our living during the past six years has been so rapid and so all-absorbing that it has caused us to neglect the finer things in life. Material things and the urgency of war's demands have so obsessed our thoughts and actions that meditation and reflection have been put aside by the necessity for action.

It seems to me we may now give pause and meditate and reflect upon our future course and, in so doing, reconsider the moral, spiritual and intellectual teachings of our

Craft and how we should rededicate ourselves to applying them to the conduct of our affairs.

It is inconceivable to me that any brother who ponders upon the instruction he has received as to the ethics of Ancient Freemasonry is not a better man, mentally, morally and spiritually—and I might add, physically, because if a man's mental, moral and spiritual life are sound these cannot fail to benefit his physical body. There is no greater truth than that healthy minds make healthy bodies.

This observation, therefore, prompts a question, which is: Is there any brother who would deny that he is not a better man or that he has not striven to be a better man, since he was admitted among us? I believe that subconsciously our brethren order their lives and govern their behaviour towards other men by those principles which we have honourably upheld down through the centuries.

This being true, should we not urgently consider what our course as Freemasons is to be in the new era that is facing the world. We may as well recognize that we stand on the threshold of this new era, and that our conduct in the immediate future will definitely affect the shape of things to come.

If we each re-examine ourselves, and revive our consciousness of what membership in our Order has meant to us, then we shall swiftly recognize the obligation we have to repay the debt—by doing our utmost, each in our own way, to make That Shape of Things to Come of definite benefit to all mankind and to the nation of which we are citizens.

Has not the time come for us to let our philosophy of life and our works become better known, not only in our immediate surroundings, but wherever love of justice, freedom of expression and opposition to tyranny prevail?

Apart from cherished symbols, there are no secrets as to what Ancient Freemasonry stands for. If we all truly believe in the extension of brotherly love, relief and truth, is there any reason why we should not, as the slang phrase

puts it, "Tell the World"? Tell the world by our actions. Let the world see and know that we are not banded together for any unworthy purpose, but rather that our benevolence is all-embracing and not confined to assisting brothers and their kindred. To paraphrase the Bible, "Let our light so shine before men that it shall cast its radiance over all, and bring warmth and comfort to those most in need of it."

May I re-emphasize the need for self-examination. Think of what your membership in the Craft means to you personally. It is not enough to take your membership for granted; for even thought without action is futile. Let there be an evangelical resurgence of the soul and spirit of Freemasonry—a crusade, if you will, to re-awaken our conscience and stimulate our resolve to become more active participants in the advancement of Masonic objectives.

While our average attendance is improving, it is not as great as it should be. More honour, therefore, to those who consistently and faithfully heed the call of the Master. May I urge you to seek out absent brethren and fraternally tell them that their absence is deeply felt and that the time is now come when they should return to the fold, not that they are lost or black sheep, but because in unity and numbers there is strength, and we need all the strength that we can gather to put forth our united efforts to make the world of the future a better place to live in.

We must not forget the price paid for our freedom. Many men chose the cross rather than the cushion, and they travelled the hard way of sacrifice and death that the best things in life might be preserved. Let us be worthy of them. On March 4th, 1865, Abraham Lincoln, a tall, gaunt man, spoke from the steps of the Capitol in Washington, and the last few sentences of what he said have become a part of the literature of the ages: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the Right, as God gives us to see the Right, let us strive to finish the work we are in, to bind up the Nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting Peace among ourselves and with all Nations."

To-day is Masonry's great opportunity! It is true there are disorders; the darkness of chaos is about us everywhere, but you will recall that—

"In the beginning the Earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters and God said: 'Let there be light' and there was light."

So we Masons, living in this twentieth century, must see to it that our great institution stands upon The Rock of Faith in God, the Volume of the Sacred Law, and Charity for all Mankind. Then whatever comes, this House of Masonry will not be moved.

Those of our youth who went across the Atlantic, on approaching the English shore, would see the Eddystone Lighthouse off Plymouth. It is the Gateway to England as the Statue of Liberty is to the United States of America. This Lighthouse has a great history. The first architect, Mr. Wynstanley, confident of the permanence of his structure, chiselled this inscription on the side of it:

"Blow, O Ye Winds; Rise, O Ocean; Break Forth ye Elements and try my Work."

In less than three years, while repairing it, he and his workmen were all swept away with the Lighthouse, and all perished.

Then a God-fearing Civil Engineer, John Smeaton, laid the foundation on the rocky depths, and at the Dedication he engraved on the side of it:

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

This Lighthouse has stood for about 186 years. Storms have raged; winds have blown; tempests have been hurled against it, but it stands unmoved.

Brethren, that is my faith in this great Masonic Order of ours.

Every man is expected to do his Duty.

CONNECTICUT. Grand Master. 1946

Just as in former times, the war has brought us a great flood of applications. From my own observation and the Reports of the District Deputies I am confident that these men have received sincere and good instruction but under the circumstances many have had hurried degrees without sufficient time to digest them. This means that we have a large number of members who have had little chance to learn what Freemasonry really is and means. This is a challenge to each of us. I am not going to attempt to give the answer because I believe this is strictly an individual problem. It must be considered, however, if we are to escape the troubles we had after the previous war.

In 1932, we passed legislation requiring a Lodge to secure approval of the Committee on Welfare before acquiring real estate or embarking upon any building program. This is in the form of a resolution by the Grand Lodge and its validity has been established by several subsequent acts by this body. When the Rules and Regulations were revised, the Committee justly felt that it should not be included. I believe this act should be given the dignity and accessibility of a regulation of this Grand Lodge. I therefore recommend that this legislation be included in our Rules and Regulations.

It has come to my attention that Section 1017 of our Regulations has been overlooked in some cases. This clearly states that "the introduction of spirituous or malt liquors upon the premises of any lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction is hereby strictly prohibited". When affiliated bodies such as Grottoes or Fellowcraft Clubs or any other organization meet in a Masonic Temple, this regulation is effective. If it is violated, those who are party to the offense are subject to punitive action.

Several years ago we adopted a lapel button to recognize 50 years of service. This was a very wise move, and has been of real benefit to the Craft. Relatively few men, however, last long enough to rate one of these decorations and further, have naturally reached an age at which their

activities are curtailed. I believe that if there were set up a 25 year award in addition to the one we already have, that it would result in increased interest among a group of men to whom the Lodge has tended to become an old story. I therefore recommend that a Committee be appointed to consider the feasibility of such an award, and to investigate the matter of cost, design, method of financing and any other pertinent factors.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Grand Master. 1946

When installed as Grand Master his greatest hope was to impress Masters with the importance of making Masons out of Members. The experience following World War I, when candidates in great numbers crowded our doors only to drop away in a few years when depression times began, was fresh in my mind. I am convinced that a man keeps what he values, discards what is to him of little worth.

I believe that the fault was ours as much, if not more, than theirs. I believe that the remedy lay in our hands. Another has again brought candidates thronging our ante-rooms. If we are to keep them we must make them Masons, not merely members. Hence my greatest objective was to enthuse Masters with the necessity of educating their candidates in Masonry, seeing to it that they became actual parts, of, not merely dues-paying adjuncts to, their Lodges, learning of Masonry that they might love Masonry and to serve Masonry.

This objective has been realized; not, be it understood, completely, but in sufficient degree to make me believe that had we done nothing else this year, still what we accomplished was well worth while.

ENGLAND. Board of General Purposes. 1946

RETURNS TO THE CLERK OF THE PEACE

The Board once more calls attention to the necessity for each Lodge to comply with the Act of 1799 by supplying a list

of members to the Clerk of the Peace of the Area in which the Lodge meets. Every year the Secretary of each Lodge is supplied from Freemason's Hall with the necessary form, which must be lodged annually by March 25th, and it is incumbent upon Masters of Lodges to see that the return is made. The Board requests that particular attention be given to this matter, to which reference has been made in its reports on several occasions.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

The President of the Board of General Purposes: M.W. Grand Master, before I move the adoption of this Report, there is one item in it on which some comment might usefully be made; it is the paragraph regarding the Emergency Regulations. If this is approved, as I hope it will be, it will remove all the wartime regulations with the exception of the prohibition of the use of white gloves, and it will rescind the Grand Lodge wartime ruling that only Morning Dress should be worn at Lodge Meetings. The effect will be that Dress at Lodge Meetings will be the responsibility of the Master of the Lodge, subject, of course, to any suggestions made by the Grand Master. This was the normal mode of procedure prior to 1939.

It is for that reason that the Grand Master has been good enough to allow us to append to the Board's Report today his views on the question of Dress at the present time.

Although the war is over, everyone knows that clothing difficulties continue, and it is desired that it should be particularly impressed on the Masters of Lodges that these clothing difficulties should be well considered when specifying to the members of their Lodges what Dress should be worn.

Many young Masons have grown into manhood during the past seven years, and are without evening dress suits or dinner jackets on account of the need of coupons, on account of the scarcity of material, on account of present-day costs and, lastly, on account of laundry difficulties; and it must be borne in mind that if these young Brethren come to Lodge and find a fair proportion of their Brethren in evening dress,

they might feel embarrassed and might be discouraged from attending Lodge. That embarrassment should be avoided at all costs (hear, hear), and it is in consideration of the position of these younger Brethren that the Grand Master urges that Masters of Lodges "should make sure that no Brother is put to inconvenience."

M.W. Grand Master, I beg to move that the Report of the Board of General Purposes be received, adopted and entered on the Minutes.

V.W. Bro. Edgar J. Rutter: M.W. Grand Master, I beg to second the Motion

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1946

Brethren, throughout the length and breadth of Indiana during the past year I have endeavored to preach the gospel of individual responsibility—to emphasize the indisputable fact that as Freemasons we are accountable to history for the manner in which we discharge our duties as citizens today. With the same theme I relinquish this high trust.

If the tenet of Brotherly Love is to us only a fond dream that ought to be but is not, if it is not a tremendous force which binds us to men of "every country, sect and opinion," then there is little vitality in our Masonry.

Unless the principles of our noble Craft inspire in us a devotion to our country and an awakening of the responsibilities of citizenship, then Masonry has become a weak and impotent force in our lives

Unless we see in Masonry the unquenchable flame of liberty and a desire to carry that flame to the uttermost parts of the earth, then Masonry is little more than a badge of respectability.

Unless the principles of the Fraternity bid us extend a helping hand to the weak, the oppressed and unfortunate, "to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his

widow and his orphan to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations," then indeed have we spent our strength for naught.

Every day of your life and every day of mine, we stand in judgment to answer that searching question, "What come you here to do?" To you and to me the world may look and see whether there is anything vital in Freemasonry.

Go, then, my Brother, go with me, each to our secret tabernacle, there to pray for ourselves as once before we prayed; to lift up our hearts to the Grand Architect of the Universe that He may endow us with wisdom to judge, that He may gird us with strength unto the battle.

IOWA: Grand Master, 1945-1946

This morning I think it might be fitting to say a word about Masonry in general. Today we are living in a world of confusion when a thousand different tongues speaking different languages are confusing the world as the people were confused as they listened to the many voices at the Tower of Babel. Today as we come into this postwar period, although we are rapidly nearing one year past the date of the final capitulation of Japan, the peace of the world has not been agreed upon. There are no designs upon the trestle board of the postwar world for this generation or for the succeeding generations to come either for peace or for prosperity. Throughout the world workmen are not at work and confusion prevails. Here in America, and throughout the world, the spirit of brotherly love and harmony is absent from deliberations of nations and from the deliberations of social, political, and economic organizations here in America. Never in the history of the world has there been such a need for an understanding on the parts of the peoples of the world and the application by them of those profound, eternal truths which Masonry teaches to mankind.

IRELAND. Deputy Grand Master. 1946

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Raymond F. Brooke, in his address reported that the Grand Lodge of Ireland had renewed relations with the Grand Lodge of Denmark and the Grand Lodge of Norway, two of the continental Grand Lodges that were suppressed by the Germans.

The Grand Lodge of Denmark celebrated its bi-centenary last October, and an address of congratulation was voted by Grand Lodge at its Annual meeting. That address was presented on behalf of the Grand Master at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Denmark by Very Worshipful Brother T. E. Johnston.

They have no news of any other Continental Grand Lodges, but they are still firm in their determination not to help to reinstate any Grand Lodge, or to recognize one that is working unless it works entirely with the ancient landmarks of the Craft, and with the consent of the Government of its country.

MISSISSIPPI. Grand Master. 1946

I am indeed happy that today the Dove of Peace hovers over us, and the rest of the world. It has been demonstrated that free men are mightier than those who have been under the hand of tyranny, and although some may desire to create a totalitarian state and crush out the spark of freedom which lingers in every human breast, they are unable to accomplish such an act while there are people in the world who enjoy the blessings of liberty, as have the people of this land of ours over a long period of time, and as taught by the principle of our great institution. We are proud that Freemasonry has had its part in accomplishing the results that have been attained in the world conflict just ended. We must not forget that we still have a great task ahead of us in establishing a lasting peace. Masonry stands for everything high and holy and it behooves us as Masons to instill in the hearts of men, the great moral principles which are inculcated in it.

MISSOURI. Grand Master. 1946

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that provision be made by the Grand Lodge whereby a school of instruction in Lodge Administration be held annually in each Masonic District of the state under the direction of the Grand Master. These schools of instruction should be entirely separate, and in no way conflict with the schools of instruction in the ritual which are conducted under the direction of the Grand Lecturer. It is suggested that these administration schools be held shortly before January 1st of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible. The elective officers of each Lodge in the district should be asked to attend, and the programme of instruction be so planned by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary as to cover the duties and responsibilities of each of the officers of the Lodge, and the relationships between the functioning of the Lodge and that of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master and the Grand Secretary should prepare mimeographed or printed instructions, and send such instructions and directions to each D.D.G.M. well in advance of the time of the meeting. The agenda should cover items which have been found most important in Lodge administration. The D.D.G.M. who should be in charge of the school, should report in full to the Grand Master as soon as possible after the school has been held, giving all important details.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1946

DUAL AND PLURAL MEMBERSHIPS

In my opinion this Grand Lodge should consider the subject of dual and plural membership at this communication.

At present we do not have a definite law on the subject, and there is considerable doubt that any of our laws touch the subject even by implication. Section 67 provides that Honorary Membership in subordinate lodges is not recognized in this jurisdiction, but that is all there is on the subject. We need definite legislation on the subject.

I quote from a letter dated March 26, 1946. It is written on Frankfurt on Main Masonic Club stationery by a United States Army Officer.

"Masons in good standing in various Masonic jurisdictions of the United States, now serving in Germany in the U. S. occupation forces, military or civilian, have banded together to form the Frankfurt on Main Masonic Club. This club meets in a former German Masonic temple, seized by the Nazi government, and now taken over by our Army. The building was damaged by bombing and is being rebuilt under our auspices. We have been advised that German Masonic bodies are not recognized by U.S. grand lodges, and no Masonic communication is held with them. Military government does not permit them to meet, in any case.

"Members of this club have petitioned the Grand Lodge of Oregon for dispensation to organize a duly constituted lodge, so that proper Masonic work can be done. U.S. citizens with the occupation forces, upon their request, and being found worthy, may thereby receive the degrees of the Ancient Craft Masonry. Approval has not yet been received from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, but we hope that we will soon receive favorable consideration.

"In the event that we are duly authorized to open a lodge, the question of dual membership will arise. There are many brothers now located here who would affiliate with the new lodge, but would like to retain membership in home lodges located in your and other U.S. jurisdictions. It is respectfully requested that you advise us of the rulings of your grand lodge in this respect, so that we may properly counsel our brethren.

"The problem of many brothers is understandable. Here in Germany because of military necessity, they wish to enjoy the benefits and privileges of the Fraternity, yet do not wish to sever home lodge ties of long standing. Most of them will return to those home lodges in a matter of months, or, at the most, in a few years. It is sincerely hoped that this request will receive your early answer. We should appreciate also receiving a copy of your latest proceedings."

How shall we answer this letter? What is the best thing to do for the good of Masonry? Any action taken by this Grand Lodge at this communication on this subject will probably settle the matter for many years to come.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1945-1946

Brethren, in conclusion, I would give you some food for thought by quoting a part of what I wrote for "The Master Mason" fourth of the educational booklets now given to our candidates, and available to all of our members.

"The story told in Ancient Craft Masonry, as it is now constituted, is an unfinished one—and purposely so.

"Louis Untermeyer in a poem entitled 'Prayer' says:

'From Compromise and things half done
Keep me with stern and stubborn pride,
And when at last the fight is won
God keep me still unsatisfied.'

"That is the true Freemason's Creed—not to be satisfied with the substitutes in life, but to continue his travels in search of more light and that which was lost—The Master's Word, symbol of divine truth.

"It implies that we should ever seek for perfection, which like a will-o'-the-wisp, continually eludes our grasp and it is fated we should never reach perfection on this earth."

I long since realized that the greatest reward for service is in the serving. There is a satisfaction in accomplishment. There is an added satisfaction though in the knowledge that what one does is appreciated by others. The earnest desire of my heart will be satisfied, if, as your humble servant, my administration of the affairs of this Grand Lodge has met your approbation and the approbation of Him of whom we all are the servants.

"I'd like to think when life is done
That I had filled a needed post
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk or boast;
That someone's cheery voice and smile
Will prove that I had been worth while
That I had paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine."

Not only did we as citizens of this country have a vital interest in the outcome of the war, but as Masons the struggle had a peculiar significance for us. The principles of Masonry coincided with the principles we as a nation were defending, but in addition the very existence of this order was at stake. Masonry had been suppressed and even destroyed in nations controlled by our enemies. Our enemies were particularly vehement in their denunciations of Freemasons. Masonic lodges, they said, were a "Masonic Superstate." They charged that "above states, above the very existence of governments, exists a superstate; the Masonic superstate," and "It dictates laws to its members to whom it sends its orders and dictums. There are those of political and bastard ambitions of all kinds who obey their order to the letter."

From "D" Day on the struggle on the continent grew fiercer and fiercer. At the same time the tempo of the war with Japan was quickened. The full manpower and resources of this country were joined with those of our allies in this gigantic struggle. In the early part of 1945 we were being mobilized for total war—the knockout punch. Congested travel conditions resulting from transfer of troops within this country caused the government to make its most severe wartime regulation—a ban on meetings of fifty or more persons.

NEW JERSEY. Grand Master. 1945-1946

Freemasonry has lived through many years of wars, panics and other catastrophies and it will continue to live on because of the basic and humanitarian needs it so adequately fulfills. Changes? Yes, because the world is constantly changing, but always for the better. God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, and though at times we may have our doubts, what happens is for the best. In retrospect, we must admit that our chastening sorrows have a beneficial influence.

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master. 1946

FREEMASONRY IN NEW MEXICO

The concrete and material view of the Fraternity here in our Grand Jurisdiction tempts one to puff out his chest and announce: "Thar she is; take a look at her!" Far above the average our petitions continue to come in for nearly all Lodges. Degree teams demanding a bit of rest. Most Lodges more prosperous than for years and bursting with a desire to enlarge their quarters or build new ones. The more critical appraiser, however, is not content to accept a volumetric comparison between the concrete and the abstract, and demands a weighted average. He is concerned, not so much with the number of Candidates who receive the Degrees within a given period, as with how skilled they have become in our art, how much of history, lore, legend and philosophy of the Craft has been imparted to them, and to what extent they practice the teachings and principles we have endeavoured to implant. In this respect, difficult as it is to gauge and measure, my impression is that our accomplishments are found wanting. Any more so than in other Jurisdictions? Perhaps not. But let us not be content to accept a mere average as a goal. We owe our Candidates infinitely more than a receipt and a label! We can develop this splendid art of Speculative Masonry, building our invisible temples, to such a degree of perfection right here in New Mexico that others will seek to follow our example. Let's try it!

Most of us dislike very much to accept the role of critic except where it is clearly evident that we will have opportunity to bestow unlimited praise. I feel constrained to report, however, that too many of our Masters have not reached that state of maturity as Masons and students of Masonry which tends to add so much to natural ability as presiding officers for our Lodges. They are not sufficiently familiar with the ritual to coach their officers in each and every part. Too little time is given to the study of our Grand Lodge By-laws and reading Masonic literature. Too little is known of the numerous courtesies due the Brothers and officers visiting their Lodges. The art of properly receiving, introducing and placing Grand Lodge officers is

practically a lost one. Too many Lodges feel they are doing the right thing by placing a Brother in the "line" simply because he has been faithful in attendance upon some minor duty. That, my Brethren is not a blanket indictment covering all of our Lodges. Many of our Masters are just that, in every sense of the word and many others are making honest effort to become such.

Some of our committees appointed to investigate Candidates for the Degrees and for Affiliation continue to be extremely lax. This may be traced in a number of instances to the appointment of Brothers on these tremendously important committees who have never before so served. One Past Master to head each such committee would do much to correct this situation. Here is an extreme case: The Chairman of a committee appointed to investigate an applicant for the Degrees signed the report as submitted, and then asked to be introduced to the Candidate when he came up for his Apprentice Degree!

There has been a tendency here and there during the year to try a few short cuts during the conferring of Degrees. Where the same have come to my attention, the officers of the Lodges have been requested to conform strictly to our ritual.

Complaints continue to be registered, to the effect that other branches of Masonry, whose Candidates must be Master Masons, persist in soliciting applications for their Degrees among those who have not been Master Masons for a sufficient length of time, or who have not passed examination in the Third Degree lecture. The most extreme case cited solicitation among those who had just received their Entered Apprentice Degree! Perhaps I do not view this in the proper light, but thus far my indignation has risen neither to white nor red heat, nor even to boiling point! IF, however, these other branches of Masonry require their applicants to mature for a certain length of time as Master Masons, or attain a certain degree of skill as such, yet disregard these requirements, then our emotions should register compassion and pity rather than scorn or anger. Are they not bidding for inferior material and thus weakening

their own structures? In the face of so much criticism, do you not believe—you who are members of those other branches—that the proper and fraternal thing to do would be to quickly place with each of our Subordinate Lodges several copies of a simple statement setting forth the requirements of applicants? With respect to the applicant for these or other Degrees, it is no concern of ours what he chooses to do with his time and his means, nor how he comports himself, up to a certain point. But let every Master Mason residing within this Grand Jurisdiction forever remember that, regardless of his membership in other Masonic or non-Masonic bodies, he is subject to the penal jurisdiction of that Subordinate Lodge within whose boundaries he resides; and further, that Symbolic Masonry, Blue Lodge Masonry, Ancient Craft Masonry, all synonymous and being that root or foundation of Masonry comprising the first three Degrees, is the highest Masonic authority in the State of New Mexico.

NEW YORK. Grand Master. 1945

After all, Masonry cannot be evaluated by arithmetical calculation, nor even by the so-called "differential analyzer" recently set up at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which extracts square roots and solves equations. It embraces the great intangibles. Its ideals rest on the highest levels. No tyrant has been able to destroy them—centuries of war have not effaced them—science cannot obliterate them, for moral principles cannot be demolished. They are the key to the solution of the problems of humanity in any age. When, for instance, mankind shall recognize that international problems are but human problems, to be dealt with according to moral principles, and not on the basis of mere nationality, race or economics, we shall begin to make progress in human relations, as we have in nearly every other field of activity. Then charters of freedom will secure freedom, and atomic energy need not be feared by men.

Masonry's greatest service to the world is the translation of its ideals into human action. Our task is to make

Masonry concrete. It is not an easy process, for character cannot be bought or sold, bequeathed or inherited. It cannot be chiseled, hammered or hewn. It must be built anew into every human being. If the challenge of the great precept of brotherhood could be inscribed in the heart of every Mason, what a powerful force for good we could bring to bear, what new trails could we blaze, what new horizons would we discover. Is not, after all, the heart of Masonry found in the Mason's heart?

The great Masonic test which each one of us faces is: Am I practicing its principles with devotion and sincerity? Dean Pound has said: "Masonry has more to offer to the twentieth century than the twentieth century has to offer to Masonry." Let us prove the truth of this assertion by practicing sincerely the ideals we profess—in our own lives, in our community life, in our national life, and in the life of the world—and particularly the great doctrine of brotherhood, of which the world is in such desperate need today.

OUTSTANDING VISIT WITH PRESIDENT AND M.W. HARRY S. TRUMAN AT THE WHITE HOUSE

On Wednesday, August 29, 1945, the Grand Master, accompanied by the elective Grand Line officers and M.W. Brother Turner, submitted to President Truman at the White House a report of our War Chest activities. It was a delightful visit, in the course of which the President highly commended our Brethren for their splendid efforts. A copy of this report, and the President's response, as part of a special War Chest edition of the Masonic Outlook, is now being sent to each member of the Craft. Undoubtedly, many of you have already received your copy.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO GENERAL MARSHALL AND ADMIRAL KING

Another unusual visit was made by the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary on August 21, 1944, when handsomely bound copies of the Holy Bible were presented in Washington, D.C., to General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, and Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet. The

gifts were gratefully acknowledged, with expressions of sincere appreciation for the thoughtfulness of the Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of New York.

OHIO. Grand Master. 1946

ANOTHER ORGANIZATION PREDICATED ON
MASONIC AFFILIATION

Having been informed that Bro. Robert Hough Bliss, a member of Norwood Lodge No. 576, was promoting an organization for girls and had prepared a ritual therefor and was limiting membership therein to those who had Masonic affiliation, I wrote Bro. Bliss that the use of the word "Masonic" in this instance was not for a legitimate Masonic purpose and is contrary to the best interests of Masonry and the intention and spirit of Code Section 91, and notes thereunder, and further, for him to withdraw at once the Masonic condition under which membership in his organization could be obtained.

And further, That he was prohibited from using the Masonic condition without first obtaining permission from this Grand Lodge.

The Brother responded that my order would be complied with and at the same time he made formal application to the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Ohio, for permission to carry on his work as originally planned.

It seems to me that this should be denied, for it is time that this Grand Lodge is prohibiting the promiscuous use of the word Masonic in connection with organizations of any kind without its expressed permission, and to prevent its use for anything other than strictly Masonic purposes.

OKLAHOMA. Grand Master. 1946

Being conscious of my duty and of the prerogatives of the office of Grand Master, I submit to you my official acts for your consideration. I assure you that the mistakes that I have made have been from the head and not from my heart.

There was a time when I thought that I could chart and develop what I thought would be my whole future conduct, projecting my thoughts far into the future and through to some distant, ultimate achievement. Added years and experience have taught me, however, that causes which I could not foresee, elements which I could not control and the interests of others which I could not foretell, often changed the course of events materially from that one which I had so confidently charted.

The lessons that I have learned, some of which decidedly deflated my ego, make me hesitate in this assembly, or anywhere for that matter, to attempt any crystal gazing into the future. However, for what they are worth I gladly pass them on to you. I have learned, for example, that individual integrity is the only dependable foundation on which to erect an enduring social order. I have learned that the only permanent values in life cannot be analyzed in test tubes, nor can they be computed with the aid of logarithms. I have learned that the deepest joy of craftsmanship lies in doing and not in the thing accomplished. I have learned that the true end of education is not acquisition of knowledge, but ability to assimilate knowledge and translate it into useful energy. I have learned that a correct reading of the mystery of the power of faith must be sought not in the validity of the thing believed in, but in the capacity to believe in something wholeheartedly.

What I have learned I am sure a great many of you have also learned. So let us look ahead, mingling known facts with prophecy. For the next few years certain signs are already visible. They leave little doubt in my mind that we must promptly deal with them or they will deal with us. As I travel over the grand jurisdiction and as I peruse the correspondence that comes to me, I am continually concerned—not alarmed but concerned—by a tendency, though faint, to place too liberal an interpretation on our Laws and Landmarks. We must be realistic in our thinking of these important considerations and not swayed by our emotions and our sentimentalities. We are charged to preserve the Ancient Landmarks entrusted to our care and never suffer them to be infringed upon, or countenance a deviation from

the established customs of the Fraternity. We should ever bear in mind that Freemasonry's activities are restricted by Ancient Landmarks which have existed since time immemorial, never to be altered or disturbed; also by Laws, Regulations and Edicts of the Grand Lodge.

Freemasonry, its activities, titles, ceremonies, emblems and symbols are not to be used for political or commercial purposes. It repudiates all solicitation for its degrees, all advertisements, all unseemly publicity. It interferes with no man's religion, and will not concern itself with matters of a political nature. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man is the ideal of Freemasonry. The existence of God is its great Landmark, the immortality of the soul is its great doctrine. It is a system of morality and a philosophy of life. Its purpose is to improve the character of the individual Mason and to develop in him good citizenship and to exalt the dignity of man.

Freemasonry does not attempt to solve the specific problems of a nation, a state, or those of a community. It should not assume, nor should it undertake to do, the work that primarily belongs to the church, the home, or the school. It is not a civic organization, nor is it a welfare organization. It should not attempt to duplicate the work being done by organized charities or by government agencies. It should first contribute to the relief of worthy distressed Brother Masons, their widows and orphans. Its charity begins at home.

As individual Masons we have many civic, religious and family duties to perform. It is our duty to exercise our right of franchise and endeavor to elect only the best public officials.

As individual Masons it is our duty to see that our children have proper religious training at home and in the church, and to provide proper surroundings in our homes. It is our duty to teach the old-fashioned virtues of modesty, temperance, industry, honesty and thrift by precept and example. These are proper activities for us as individual Masons.

During the recent world conflict Masonry has been a source of comfort, both physical and spiritual, to millions of those in the armed service at home and abroad, through Masonic Service centres supported by financial contributions from Masons and Masonic bodies all over the country, and manned by Master Masons.

Theory has been put into practice, profession into LIFE. Thousands of young Americans have had their first contacts with the Fraternity through the ministry of these representatives. They have benefited by this service. Now they are returning to their homes all over the land with the conviction that this is Masonry. They are interested in the Fraternity. Many of them want to become members of it.

A new era for Masonry is at hand. By our works shall we be known. Let us arouse ourselves and purge ourselves as Masons, of selfish ideals—shake our lodge out of the spirit of indifference and apathy which rules so many of them. Let us go forth to greater service because we have seen the light and heard the cry of the widow's son. Let us measure up to the standards that have been set for us by actively living the precepts we have learned and are teaching.

This must begin in the very lodge itself. Taking the degrees must become more than a formality. Dissension and rivalry must disappear. The good of all, not the ambitions of the few, must be the spirit of the lodge. "I was a stranger and ye took me in," must be shown in practical ways. Each new member must find the brotherly spirit and the outstretched hand if the lodge is to make its real contribution to his life.

Too often lodges have become degree-mills, turning out candidates on the assembly-line principle; or, they have become the guardians of an ancient ritual without emphasizing its effect upon the life of the individual. They too seldom ask whether Masonic values are true, and whether Masonry can function as a power for good in the community. Members become indifferent because Masons do nothing with their great professions. The wheels turn, but in too many instances no tangible results are produced.

"What makes me a Mason?" "My obligations." True, but my obligations extend to every member of the Order wherever he may be.

There is a still larger meaning to the obligations of Masonry. Our country, in common with the rest of the world, is facing tremendous human problems. Much is being said of a national and international program of reconversion in which we all must have a hand. We are talking about a world where "nations shall beat their swords into plowshares," and where they shall know war no more.

Masonry can and must be a factor in bringing in this new day for mankind. Its fellowship crosses all boundaries of nations and creeds. Everywhere throughout the world are members of the Craft who will help to bring the spirit of Masonry to the practical solution of our common problems. It can be said, without danger of contradiction, that the only basis of a lasting world peace is to be found in the fundamental philosophy of Masonry.

Here, again, we are brought face to face with a challenge and an opportunity. Foreign Grand Jurisdictions have been persecuted, their temples and records have been destroyed, Grand Masters have been killed. Every effort has been made by the enemy to wipe out every trace of Masonry. It was one of the first institutions to be attacked when dictators rose to power. Its principles and practices were contrary to all that the dictators stood for. Yet in spite of persecution, imprisonment, murder and destruction, many lodges have continued to function underground. Physical violence could not kill the spiritual ideal.

What are we going to do about it? Are we going to make loud professions of the universality and the indestructibility of the spirit of Masonry—and stop there? Or are we going to thank Almighty God that we have been spared like treatment, and do something to help these stricken brethren? In the national program for the help necessary to restore Masonry abroad, we have the privilege and the opportunity to aid and assist a distressed worthy Brother.

OREGON. Grand Master. 1946

The condition of the Craft in Oregon is encouraging. There is a demand for Masonic knowledge. Many of our Lodges have inaugurated groups for the purpose of improving themselves in things Masonic; however, these efforts are not directed and unless we assist in guiding them, it is entirely possible they will die through lack of interest. This subject will be further developed.

Relative to today's surge of candidates, it would only seem proper to warn our Lodges that every unworthy member received is one that will be a drag on the Lodge. It would seem that there are some who believe that one function of Freemasonry is to receive those of indifferent character to make them better. I do not hold to this thought. It seems to me that the governing factor should be—what kind of a man is he today, what is he doing, how is he living, what are his ideals. We must remember that we are not presently acting for ourselves; rather, we are acting for our grand-children and for Freemasonry wherever dispersed throughout the world,

CONFERENCE OF D.D.G.M.'s

In June 1945, a conference of the District Deputies of the Grand Master was held in this building for the purpose of co-ordinating activities which were deemed essential to the well being of Freemasonry. The Grand Lodge Trustees were also invited and attended the conference.

An educational guide for Lodge Officers was presented, which would enable them to start a chronological progressive educational course relative to their respective duties, responsibilities and amount of knowledge necessary to a thorough understanding of the requirements of their respective offices. It was requested that the District Deputies concentrate on the importance of this guide, stressing the fact that it was so constructed that any Lodge, regardless of numbers, could adapt the program to fit its particular needs and customs.

Second, the District Deputies were requested to submit a quarterly report of their activities; what they were en-

deavoring to do, and what they had accomplished for the benefit of their Districts. This information was requested to keep the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master informed of the work being done.

The assignment as District Deputy of the Grand Master is a responsible one. It should not be lightly undertaken for in this capacity each Deputy appointed is the senior officer and the personal representative of the Grand Master in his District, and as such, his responsibilities are heavy. If the District makes any progress, his is the honor. If the District moves ahead educationally, his is the credit. If the District remains at a standstill, his are the responsibilities.

It is agreed that this work is a labor of love. One does it because he firmly believes in our Fraternity—one serves thusly, not for the timely honor of wearing a gold fringed apron, for after all, the apron simply signifies to the Craft the one whom they may contact for answers to their questions, concerning Masonic ritual, procedure and customs. Rather, one accepts this responsibility for the opportunity of service to his fellow men, and to assist them along the highway of Freemasonry.

This is the reason such office is a yearly appointment. In effect it enables an individual to display his ability as a leader—to be re-used again and again or until such time as it seems advisable to make a change.

Such is the quality of the District Deputies of the Grand Master, such is their responsibility. All honor should be paid them for their devotion to duty—for their oftentimes unseen and unsung sacrifices in behalf of the Craft.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND. Grand Master. 1946

The Master Craftsman still draws his designs upon his trestleboard. He who shapes our destiny, He who ever rules and guides the affairs of men, calls us today to draw designs upon our trestleboards. We may each day draw designs on a physical, but we must realize that we are also

drawing them on a spiritual trestleboard. So long as we live we cannot escape making some designs upon it. Some may be worthless, some may be productive of good results. This depends on the manner in which we subdue our passions and endeavour to contribute to the well being of our fellow men. Thus may we do our part in the great scheme of things to make this old world a safer and a cleaner place for the generations yet to come. Let us make no mistake—every design will be there—we are building a spiritual trestleboard. Then, my brethren may the lines be straight and clear, the angles carefully fashioned, the circles properly circumscribed, that when this record of our lives, this spiritual trestleboard, is presented before the Great Architect of the Universe may it gain for each one an entrance into that spiritual building, “that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.”

QUEENSLAND. Grand Master. 1946

I need not remind you that Masonry does not simply mean meeting in your Lodges once a month to mechanically confer degrees, however perfect the work in the Lodge may be. I want you always to remember that Masonry has a Soul—a great Soul. It stands for perhaps the greatest fellowship and the most true Brotherhood that there can be in this world, and, important as the ritual of work in your Lodge may be, and is, it is the duty of every Mason to play his part in making his Masonry a religion of kindness and useful effort. There can be no better religion than this, for that is the most perfect religion as taught us by the G.A.O.T.U.

One last word. We are living today in a time of great upheavals—when we shall have to face many difficulties in the future due to the vast changes brought about by this ghastly war. Men will need, and need badly, faith in human nature, and will seek for leadership in a world distracted by the brutality of war—a brutality which has done much to threaten the morality of men. In many quarters, culture is forgotten, class war is preached, thrift is discouraged. All

these evils, and many others, are real dangers to the faith of our fathers, and to the building up of a nation for those to come after us on a foundation of religion and of honest purpose. It is not for me to preach a sermon. I, like you, and, I hope, like all Freemasons, want to help in the world. We do not claim that we are necessarily better than others because we are Freemasons. We only claim that we stand, as Brethren, members of a goodly heritage which has come down from a remote past—a heritage which we must treat with that love and veneration which it deserves. We realize that it is our duty to pass on that great heritage to the generations which follow, pure and unsullied, in the hope that when the time comes for each one of us to lay down his work in this world, he will be able to do so cheerfully, strengthened in the knowledge that he has done something to benefit society, and that no one can say he has done anything whereby the great profession to which he has had the honour to belong, has been lowered in the eyes of any of his Brethren or in the opinion of those who have not had the privilege of joining our great Fraternity.

QUEENSLAND. Grand Chaplain, 1946

And now, Brethren, we have reached the time for which so many have prayed and striven, the Day of Peace. The noise of war has ceased and men no longer proceed to battle. All look wistfully to the future and long not only for "Peace on Earth" but also for "Goodwill Among Men." To achieve this happy state we shall need noble leaders and loyal followers. Even as in the years of war so in the years of peace must we be ready to serve in the great cause of ridding the world of all that would mar the ideal of the brotherhood of man. It has been truly said, "Science has made the world a neighbourhood but who will make it a brotherhood?" Surely this is the worthy task to which our members are called! As we render thanks for a mighty deliverance from war may we also stand ready for service in the difficult days of peace.

Mr. W. J. Brown, for many years a Member of the House of Commons, recently said:—

"We will build a new world, but before we can build a better world we must undergo a profound moral revolution, for the good society can exist only where good men are. Whether in the old forms or not, whether through the old institutions or new ones, the old individual moral standards must be restored. The principles of individual responsibility for serving truth, a responsibility not to be evaded by any personal, party or money consideration whatever, must be reasserted. We must learn that whether or not the Lord requires of us to love mercy, to do justice and to walk humbly, our own survival as a civilization most surely does, for we have seen what happens in a world where these standards are subordinated to greed, fear, lust of power, and the rest. We have seen what happens when States become laws unto themselves, and disregard the obligations of the common humanity which they share with the rest of the world. The beginning is the weakening of old standards, the end is the terror that walketh by night, and the shadow that wasteth at noonday. With the right values informing us there is no social problem in Britain that is not capable of an agreed solution, and without those values there is no order of society, no political or economic programme, no party or class which will save us; for the message carried by every bomb, every shell, every ship and every plane in this war is the old message which you can put into whatever vocabulary you like, but whose essential content remains the same, and it is that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

Tonight we have met for this Service of Thanksgiving. We give thanks to Almighty God for a mighty deliverance and we pray that we who have been spared shall be worthy to live and labour towards establishing a better world.

SASKATCHEWAN. Grand Master. 1946

Masonry has long held a high position in the eyes of the world. The principles upon which it is founded do not change with time or conditions. Members of the Fraternity have been persecuted and slain but the Order survived the last war as it has all others. In each of the countries occupied by the enemy, in his initial successes, a ruthless attempt was made to obliterate all evidence of Masonry. The oppressor knew that he could not exist in an atmosphere of tolerance and freedom. Our Brethren suffered physically and materially, yet we know that in many instances they contrived to meet

and keep the light of Masonry from being completely extinguished. It will be our privilege and duty to help rebuild what was destroyed and to assist our affected brothers. No doubt we will be called upon in the near future in this respect. I know the response will be generous. We have reached our present desirable position by a strict adherence to our principles. These must be maintained in peace as well as in war, in fact there is probably more temptation to slight them in peace than under the challenge of war.

The year has seen the cessation of hostilities but can we say we have peace? We think of Masonry as a way of life, a life where honest labour is properly rewarded, where industry is inculcated, respect for constituted authority enjoined, where every man is recognized as a brother and entitled to our regard, where perfect charity, though never reached, is the ultimate goal. As citizens we cannot ignore the fact that our industrial and political systems are alarmingly unstable, that the freedom for which the war was fought appears to elude us. Old stories are often applicable to new conditions. I was reminded of this a few days ago when I re-read the legend of St. George and the Dragon. You will recall that when St. George went to battle the dragon—the symbol of evil and terrorism—he prayed that in the battle none of the Dragon's blood should fall upon him. It may be that though we have overcome our enemies, some of their blood may have fallen upon us. But perhaps we are fated never to achieve peace and freedom this side of the grave.

We are reminded by Philip Stern that "the fight for freedom is an endless battle. Its victories are never final, its defeats are never permanent. Each generation must defend its heritage, for each seeming conquest gives rise to new forces that will attempt to substitute fresh means of oppression for the old. There can be no peace in a world of life and growth --every battle the fathers thought finished will have to be fought anew by their children if they wish to preserve and extend their freedom."

Yet if we persevere, fight the good fight and hold fast to our principles, we may take comfort from Byron's lines:

"For Freedom's battle once begun,
Bequeath'd from bleeding sir to son,
Though baffled oft, is ever won."

HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP CONFERRED

On motion of M.W. Bros. Douglas Fraser and M. Musk, it was unanimously resolved that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7 of the Constitution, "in recognition of eminence, ability and service rendered," there be conferred on the following Brethren the rank and distinction, namely: M.W. Brother Maurice S. Donovan, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and M.W. Brother Arthur G. R. Bond, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Alberta, Honourary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; and R.W. Brother Harry B. Donnelly, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Honorary Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

It was a great privilege to have the opportunity of sending out the first Peacetime Christmas Message. Though the world was and still is suffering from the effects of war, the fact that hostilities had ceased and that we could expect the safe return of surviving loved ones, made the Season one never to be forgotten. Together with the Grand Secretary I sent out the following Christmas message:

"CHRISTMAS, 1945"

"Let there be light, Peace on Earth.

"For the first Christmas in many years lights will be burning brightly throughout the world. The great war has ceased so far as the armies are concerned. With our Allies we have won the power to dictate the terms of peace to the people of the enemy nations. The first thing God created was light; the first casualty of the war was light. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Him who said 'I am the Light of the World', and who was called the Prince of Peace.

"Unfortunately for the world, there seems to be two kinds of peace. Apparently as between nations it means the absence of war; but to the individual peace is something within his heart or soul—a feeling that the Light which came to earth the first Christmas Day has entered into his being. Peace imposed

or enforced is self-contradictory. A condition where force is required to keep order, where all are punished for the guilt of some, where hate and bitter resentment surge in the hearts of the defeated, can be described only as suppressed war. Of what use is anything but a lasting peace? The kind we will obtain is the concern and responsibility of individuals including ourselves; it is the individual in every nation that has to realize his part in the world as a whole. Longfellow had no idea of the magnitude of the cost of modern war and yet he wrote:

‘Were half the wealth,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need of arsenals or forts,
The warrior’s name would be a name abhorred?
And every nation that should lift again
Its hand against a brother, on its forehead
Would wear forevermore the curse of Cain.’

“Men must be blind or woefully slow to see. We claim that we want to outlaw war but seem to overlook the obvious, and I am sure the only way—the Christmas way—good will to men, means peace on earth. We have tried every other way, without success. I believe that we are now going in the right direction, and Masonry, which early teaches us to view in every son of Adam a brother, is taking a leading part. This is possible because we recognize no creed, color or sect, the basis of a complete brotherhood. Let us not stress nationalities, boundaries or religions which tend to emphasize differences but look upon all people as belonging to the human family. Edith Cavell on her way to being executed said: ‘Patriotism is not enough.’ How long it will take humanity to realize that the words ‘Our Father’ are really true, depends upon us as individuals. Even for our own sakes we should work and pray to hasten the day; let us have good will to all men.

‘Down the dark future, through long generations,
The echoing sounds grow fainter and then cease;
And like a bell, with solemn sweet vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of Christ say Peace.’

“With our fraternal greetings and sincere good wishes.”

VISITATIONS

On November 22nd M.W. Bro. P. T. Pilkey, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, visited Lodge Progress No. 92 Saskatoon, for the purpose of assisting in raising Bro. Rev. Donald Bruce Macdonald, his one-time pupil. The Grand Secretary and myself went to Saskatoon to welcome the visiting Grand Master. We also assisted him in conferring the de-

gree and participated in the proceedings at the festive board. It was a grand meeting and we thoroughly enjoyed the visit of M.W. Brother Pilkey.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1946

During the dark days through which we have passed, we have kept the light of Freemasonry bright, and we must continue to do so in the difficult days ahead. As an Institution we must carefully avoid in the future, as we have done in the past, any entanglement either with topics of political or religious nature or with any other sectional interest which might tend to disrupt harmony between Craftsmen of differing races, creeds and opinions. Rather should we concentrate on the promotion of matters calculated to cement the union between good men and true, with especial emphasis upon those things which will assist in furthering the ideal of the Patherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

As individuals, however, Freemasons should take an intelligent interest in, and work for the advancement of, those laudable institutions which make up our national way of life. Constant devotion to our Masonic principles will be a stimulus to each of us to do his utmost, in whatever tasks may lie at his hands, to ensure that the victory which has been achieved by blood and suffering shall be followed by a peace which will not be an empty mockery, but which will endure for all time. Only in this way will the beneficent work of the Craft be fostered in the interests of mankind in general.

THE USUAL QUESTIONS

At a recent meeting of the Board of General Purposes, it was reported that some candidates had improperly been required to make themselves proficient in certain only of the responses to the "usual questions"; that is, on occasions when there were two or more candidates, each had been advised to learn only those questions and answers which would fall to his lot in the normal sequence. It may, perhaps, be regarded as fortunate for the reputations of the candidate and his pro-

poser and seconder that, on such occasions, the Master did not exercise his right to put the questions in a different order from what was anticipated. Such altered procedure might have been salutary, but surely no such artifice should be necessary.

The improper practice which the Board has asked me to emphasize, is a serious contravention of the provisions of Constitution 102, and must be discontinued. Masters of lodges are enjoined to ensure that each candidate is instructed to qualify himself thoroughly to answer all the questions if called on; likewise the proposer and seconder of a candidate are to regard it as their particular duty to make themselves responsible for the candidate's progress. The duties of a proposer and seconder are manifold. Not only must they assume the grave responsibility, having due regard to the prescribed minimum period of intimate personal knowledge, of vouching in open lodge for the candidate's suitability generally (which implies among other qualifications, a moral character beyond question) but also, when admitted, that he is properly instructed in the means by which he may make the expected daily advancement in Masonic knowledge. Thus only may any candidate become an ornament to our great Craft, and reflect honour on the choice of his sponsors and the remainder of the members who accept him.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1946

M.W. Bro. Ligertwood, in addressing the Grand Lodge, said:

"I desire first to pay a tribute to the dignified and impressive manner in which M.W. Bro. Andrew Young has installed me into the Chair of this Grand Lodge, which he himself has occupied with such conspicuous ability. I also desire to acknowledge the compliment which our Sister Constitutions have paid to this Grand Lodge by sending such splendid delegations to this our festival of installation.

"Brethren, I am deeply conscious of the honour which you have conferred upon me, by electing and installing me as your Grand Master. I am conscious, too, of the obligations and

responsibilities which flow from my acceptance of the office. They are indeed all the heavier because of the nature of the times through which we are passing. We are frequently reminded that we are living in an era of reconstruction—a reconstruction which has been forced upon us by six dreadful years of war and destruction and sacrifice. The world must be made afresh, and I am firmly convinced that Freemasonry has its part to play in the solution of the problems which lie ahead. Our institution is world-wide. It flourishes in every truly democratic country. It is indeed one of the fine flowers of democracy. We believe in the divine rule of the Great Architect of the Universe, with its corollaries of the life hereafter and the immortality of the soul. We believe in the universal brotherhood of man. We believe in the sanctity of the life of the individual and his inherent right to freedom. We insist upon the utmost respect for the law and upon absolute good faith in dealings between man and man. These, brethren, are some of the fundamental tenets upon which our institution is based. I mention them because you will recognize in them some of the faiths and ideals which sustained our great Empire when it stood alone against the enslaving forces of absolutism. By the same token they are some of the faiths and ideals which must be embodied in plans of reconstruction if those plans are to achieve their aims of a world united and at peace.

“But we are a secret society. We engage in no propaganda. We seek no converts. We avoid all subjects of political controversy. We make no plans. How then are we to exercise our influence upon these world-wide problems? The answer, I think, lies in this. We draw our members from every section of the community. To us the word class has no meaning. Whatever our walk in life, we come together as brothers, meeting on the level and parting on the square, and it is an article of faith with us, that when we leave our lodge rooms, we carry with us the principles and tenets of our Craft and use them as a guide when we are called upon for decisions in our daily lives. And when we find that Freemasons are numbered among the leaders in so many spheres of activity, including the highest councils of State, we may justly infer that our Order and its teachings can have a vital influence upon the course of human affairs.

“Hence the Master of every lodge should heed the direction which he receives on the night of his installation to forcibly impress upon the brethren the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry and to prove by their conduct the beneficial effects of our ancient institution.

“In relation to this aspect of Freemasonry, what is the function of the Grand Master? Surely it is to maintain the high traditions of the Order and to see that not a single land-

mark is removed. That, brethren, will be my endeavour. I am fortunate in having beside me two Past Grand Masters who, between them, have ruled Freemasonry in this jurisdiction for the past eighteen years. They have assured me of their loyal support and of their readiness to place their own experience at my disposal. Their help will tend to lighten my burden."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Board of General Purposes. 1946

SECRECY OF THE BALLOT

The Board is disturbed to learn that, in some lodges, it has been the practice for the Master, immediately prior to the ballot of a candidate for initiation, to invite the Brethren to express their opinions for or against him. This not only serves no good purpose at that late stage, but is also a grave violation of the secrecy of the ballot and, as such, is to be reprobated. The practice leaves an opening for flagrant abuses—striking as it does at the very root of secret voting—and must be discontinued forthwith.

OBJECTIONS ON THE GROUND OF CHARACTER
AGAINST CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR INITIATION

The attention of the Board of General Purposes has been drawn to the somewhat loose practice that has become apparent among some Lodges in raising objection to the initiation of a candidate, and the Grand Registrar has been asked to outline the proper procedure to be followed. His report, which has been adopted by the Board, is as follows:—

"In some cases, a Brother may have actual knowledge of the facts concerning the character or conduct of the proposed candidate which he is able without difficulty to substantiate, and which he thinks afford grounds for objecting to the proposition; in other cases, a Brother may have heard statements concerning the character or conduct of the proposed candidate from someone else, which without difficulty he can verify; and in still other cases, the Brother may have heard some rumour or gossip, the source of which he cannot recall, or which in any event he would be unable to verify or disprove.

"It is desirable, in every such instance, a Brother genuinely believes that the information he has may be relevant

to the admission or rejection of the proposed candidate, that it should be conveyed to the Master of the Lodge in order to enable all proper investigations to be made. If the Brother in possession of the information is able to do so, he ought to investigate as far as possible any information or rumour he has heard, so that he may escape being the channel of merely malicious or idle gossip of a scandalous nature. To raise objection to a man's character is a serious act. But if he is unable for any reason himself to investigate it, and has a reasonable belief that it may have some foundation in fact, he should nevertheless communicate it to the Master of the Lodge for which the candidate is to be proposed.

"Some Lodges have adopted the practice of inviting Brethren to communicate any information they may have to the Master or to any member of the Permanent Committee of the Lodge. This practice, I think, is undesirable. In my opinion, every such communication should be made to the Master of the Lodge and to him only; and it should be made in a personal interview with him appointed for the purpose. Any other course tends to lessen the sense of responsibility of the Brother making the communication, and of the Brother receiving it. Such information communicated to anyone of several Brethren or communicated on a social occasion, is apt to be given and received without a due sense of responsibility by either party, and it is in this way that Brethren are likely to become involved in legal proceedings for defamation. If the course that I suggest is invariably followed, no risk of any sort attaches to anyone.

"The duty of the Worshipful Master, who has received information from a Brother which is detrimental to the proposed candidate is to investigate the information for the purpose of establishing as far as possible its truth or falsehood. He should at a formal meeting of the Permanent Committee, convey the information to them and their united efforts should be devoted to sifting the truth and to ascertaining whether they regard the information as sufficiently reliable, or of sufficient seriousness to warrant the exclusion of the candidate.

"If after investigation the proposed candidate is considered unsuitable for admission into the Lodge, it is the

duty of the Master to communicate that fact to the proposer and the seconder of the candidate. This also, of course, should be done at an interview arranged for that purpose.

"The proposer and seconder should accept the intimation from the Master, and intimate to their nominee that he will not be welcome in the Lodge. There is no need to inform the proposed candidate of the information concerning his character, and in most cases it is unwise to do so. If the objections are based on facts, his own conscience will sufficiently enlighten him; if the objections, even though not substantiated, raise such doubts in the minds of the Master and Permanent Committee that they prefer that the proposed candidate should not be admitted to their Lodge, no good purpose will be served by enlightening him further."

"If for any reason the proposer and seconder of the candidate decline to accept the intimation received from the Master, and insist on their proposition being dealt with by the Lodge, the Master has two courses open to him. He may, on his own responsibility, decline to receive the nomination or to submit it to the Lodge. This is one of the inherent powers of a Master, and one that should be exercised without fear, and of course in the utmost good faith, when he considers that it would be wrong to admit the proposed candidate to Freemasonry. The other course is to receive and submit the proposition, in which case it is probable that the Master and all Members of the Permanent Committee will vote against it.

"Neither of these courses should ordinarily be necessary. If the Master and Permanent Committee after investigation consider that the character of a candidate justifies his exclusion from the Craft, and the Master communicates that fact to the proposer and seconder, they should accept it and not contumaciously proceed with their proposal."

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1946

It is fitting that we should give expression to the gratitude that is in our hearts for the victory that has been achieved over our enemies on the fields of battle. The victory was

made possible because of the material strength, moral greatness and co-operation of the freedom loving peoples throughout the world. To the victors in this case go the responsibility of shaping the destiny of the world for the next generation or longer. We accept the responsibilities of peace with the many difficulties involved in humility and yet with a courage, determined to lay the foundation of peace, secure that we and our posterity may continue to build a peace that will make possible the realization of our Masonic ideal, the world brotherhood of all mankind.

TENNESSE. Grand Master. 1947

You will recall that in the third degree we were taught that, "the beehive is an emblem of industry and recommends the practice of that virtue to all created beings." It might be truly said that industry has been your objective in the fraternity for the year just closed. We have today the largest membership in the history of our Grand Lodge. You have just finished a year that gave us the largest net gain in membership in the history of the Grand Lodge in our State. This at first glance might cause us to ponder and wonder whether or not we had at all times given strict attention to the sound fundamental requirements of the fraternity of those who would become members. My brethren, I have made approximately one hundred visitations during the year, in addition to our district meetings, conferring degrees at some, endeavoring to say something constructive for the fraternity at others, installing officers at others; and during the course of these visitations, I have inspected many lodge records and in each case I have found rejections. In most cases, rejections have been in proportion to those accepted on practically the same ratio as has been the custom in former years. Therefore it seems that we may still safely say that we are "guarding well the portals of the fraternity," constantly bearing in mind that "the respectability and usefulness of a lodge does not consist in the number, but in the character of its members."

In these days of unrest, turmoil and suspicion throughout the world, doctrines, creeds and "isms" of every sort

imaginable are springing forth and all are being advanced with the argument that they are the progressive forms of Government; social, political, and economical, for which mankind has been waiting, and their adoption is urged to replace the things we now know and love, but which these new crusaders claim are obsolete in the new order they would create. This is especially true today in our own beloved country, because of the freedom of speech which our Government gives to all men. Some of these poisonous barbs of propaganda therefore are finding their way into the hearts and minds of our citizens today. These insidious attacks must be met and challenged by all who are governed by the principles of Freemasonry.

UTAH. Grand Master. 1946

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

It has been my good fortune to visit, officially, each of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction. While there was some difficulty in obtaining transportation and other accommodations, the attendance was good at all meetings and the accommodations were of the very best.

Continuing the practice of the past several years, the visitations were made jointly wherever it seemed feasible and the plan seemed to be very satisfactory to all. On most of the visitations we were honored by the presence of several Past Grand Masters which was an inspiration to all of us and very much appreciated.

At most of the visitations the Lodge Officers were asked to furnish speakers. This also proved very satisfactory as they all gave interesting and instructive talks. We had only a few Grand Lodge speakers as it has been my impression that the Brethren enjoyed short sessions with more time to mingle and visit with each other. On all occasions we tried to get through by ten o'clock to permit the Brethren to get home in good time.

VERMONT. *Grand Master. 1946*

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR REHABILITATION

One of the first targets for the careful aim of modern dictators has been the fraternity of which we have the honor to be a part. Masons have consistently suffered in subjugated countries for the very principles for which we stand. That is *prima facie* evidence of the value of this very institution wherever the people desire liberty and convincing proof of its importance to all the people of the world with whom we would join to bring a modicum of safety to our planet. If this should be accepted as a premise one may pass by means of incontrovertible logic to the conclusion that even enlightened self interest would prompt us to participate in the rehabilitation of Masonry in the countries which have been devastated by the recent war. Within the limits of this address, it would be difficult to suggest the havoc which has been wrought. Records have been destroyed, sacred articles have been desecrated, temples have been ruined, and our devoted brother leaders of the craft have in many cases been persecuted and slain. What answer could be made to their cry of distress? What true Mason could be deaf to such an appeal?

We have endured the limitations and interruptions of our work, we have suffered the sacrifices and tragedies of the last few years. We have preserved for posterity a noble record of service. We have still in our keeping a glorious heritage and a magnificent tradition. We have at length emerged from a tremendous struggle to a period which we casually call peace time. We must face the future. It is obvious that the values for which the war was fought must still be achieved in peace.

Masonry can and will take its place in a constructive effort for a better world in the post-war years. Those who are familiar with the history of our Fraternity need no proof of the vital part which it has played in the direction which our own country has taken, in the promulgation of the very principles of freedom and brotherhood so essential in a

democracy: It is my reasoned opinion that we cannot be content to stand upon our record alone. What was good in the past is not good enough for the present. We must, to be sure, preserve every value of our time-honored past and streamline it to function as effectively in our present and future. We need not fear change so much as the fear of change. My love of the Institution which I have had the honor to serve for this precious period, prompts me to be zealous of the position which it will take tomorrow. May we never creep while the world rushes by. It is my fond hope that we may so order the affairs of the Craft that we may build as effectively as did our forebears and meet every demand of a modern world. And when at last we are called by the Grand Architect of the Universe, may we be "weary and content and undishonored."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. Grand Master. 1946

SOLOS AT INSTALLATION CEREMONIALS

There are two or three matters I want to draw attention to. One is the custom which has grown up at Installations of breaking the ceremony of installation in order that a solo may be rendered. Sometimes the solo is moderately appropriate; sometimes it is not appropriate at all; but in any case the ritual laid down in the ceremony is to be observed at installations. I do not think it adds to the dignity of the Installation Ceremony to break it by a solo. It is more or less a ritualistic ceremony, and I have decided for the future, solos during the Installation Ceremony shall be omitted.

TOAST OF NAVY, ARMY AND AIR FORCE

The next question I want to raise is the toast of the Navy, Army and Air Force. In the olden days before the war became so much a matter for our attention, it was customary to propose the toast of the Navy, Army and Air Force; first the Navy and Army because there was no Air Force at the time. At the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge I think we might revert to that practice with a good

deal of reverence and outlook. There is no need for it to be proposed at every lodge meeting. I have decided it shall not be proposed except at the Military and Naval Lodges and the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. Even in those places I do urge we have something less jingoistic to sing than "Rule Britannia."

INITIATION OF UNDER-AGE CANDIDATES

The third matter is the granting of dispensations for the initiation of under-age candidates. During the war we have had many cases of young men, sons of Freemasons, detailed to go abroad on active service. They have not been 21 years of age, but have been over 18 years, and as they were usually the sons of Freemasons, and it is permissible to initiate sons of Freemasons under the age of 21, dispensations were granted for the special purpose. The Grand Lodge here and in other places, has set its face against the initiation of any person under the age of 21, except under the most extraordinary circumstances. There were extraordinary circumstances during the six years just past. We hope they have disappeared for the whole of our life, and so we will revert to the old practice which is the sound practice of requiring every person seeking to come into Freemasonry to be over 21 years of age.

WEARING OF EVENING DRESS

Another question is that of Evening Dress. The regulations regarding evening dress were eased during the war for two reasons; one, the black-out made it rather indiscreet for anyone to wear evening dress; second, the lodges met at inconvenient times, and lastly, it was not considered to be quite in keeping with the spirit of the times that brethren should go to Lodge as a rule in evening or ceremonial dress. Those times, too, have passed, but there are other difficulties still in the way. There is still the difficulty of sufficient transport, although we hope it will be eased early in the new year. There is still the difficulty of those brethren who do not possess evening dress, and of procuring it for the next year or so. There is the added difficulty of all those brethren who have been away at the war and who did possess evening

dress finding that they no longer possess it. These difficulties are still in the way. I am not going to say that for the future brethren shall appear in regulation evening dress (either tails or dinner jacket) but I do hope those brethren whose evening dress still fits them, and who can make it convenient, will support us to restore as quickly as possible the position we were in before the war started. After all, we must recognize the fact that Masonic meetings where brethren are properly clothed somehow or other adds more dignity than if in ordinary lounge suits. So I hope as far as possible brethren will revert to evening dress.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

The next subject I want to touch upon is in regard to quite a number of visitors going to the various lodges. Most of you have noticed when visitors come to our lodges, sometimes from other towns in the State, sometimes from other parts of the Commonwealth, and even from overseas, they are not known to the brethren, and there is not that warmth of greeting to them in many cases that one would like to see amongst a body of Freemasons. I hope that members of individual lodges will keep an eye out for strangers who come within their gates who are fully accredited Freemasons, and do their best to make them happy and comfortable whilst within and out of lodge, and make them feel that Freemasonry after all has something in it that is not to be found in ordinary everyday life.

STARTING PRICE BOOKMAKERS

The last question is a subject in which, from what I know of Australian life, quite a number of people are deeply interested, and that is in Starting Price Bookmaking. We have brethren in the Craft who, after being admitted to the Institution, have become S.P. Bookmakers. We cannot avoid that. We cannot tell them what to do. We have the power in every lodge to take care that S.P. Bookmakers who are acknowledged S.P. Bookmakers, and who in many cases have appeared before the Courts and been fined, shall not find a place in a Masonic Lodge. They are transgressing against

the law. I am not speaking of anyone in particular, but in general terms on the unwisdom of receiving into Freemasonry those who with overwhelming regularity consistently break the letter of the law. I have got all I wanted to say off my chest.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1946

From many sources come the information that Masonry in the State is strong because its leadership from time immemorial has taken a conservative attitude on proposals to streamline our fundamental structure. From time to time proposals are made by some enthusiastic brother or brethren to deviate from the ancient usages, customs and landmarks, but the Craft have always seen the danger lurking ahead which such changes would bring, and have uniformly refused to follow the over-zealous brother, however serious his intentions may be.

Several Grand Jurisdictions have not been so prudent and, as a result, Masonry has been weakened considerably.

It was soon discovered by them that the removal or modification of one of the fundamental customs, usages or landmarks sets a precedent which makes it comparatively easy to remove or modify another, until the time comes when all the fine and strong foundations are so changed that they and the institution become unrecognizable. The superstructure then becomes weak or an empty shell and eventually tends to disintegrate.

Every serious minded Mason joined his lodge because he had a favorable conception of the fraternity, and that conception was formed partly, if not wholly, by reason of the stability and the substantiality of the structure, because, it was erected upon the foundation that was unshakable; man for ages has adhered to it with confidence and security because it remained unchangeable.

New "isms," strange ideologies and violent changes have been introduced into many forms of our society from time to

time, and particularly at this period of history, which have caused chaos, confusion and fear, a constant malestrom which engulfs all who come within its reach, which causes consternation among members and makes them feel insecure; without hope for the future and without an anchor upon which they can rely for security.

Masonry, on the other hand, has remained firm and steadfast. It has not adopted the whims which have been presented by well-meaning but short sighted folk, even though it would seem at the time expedient or may even appear to be for the good of the Craft. May we, in this Grand Jurisdiction, refrain from accepting hurriedly and without proper circumspection that which may appear to be expedient or an easy way to reach our goal. Let us not take any step which at a later period we may regret.

The brethren in some jurisdictions have deviated from the course which Wisconsin has always taken, and have suffered accordingly an irreparable loss. The changes, though made with the best of intentions, have taken away much of the strength that formerly characterized the fraternity in those jurisdictions. Let us not be in too much of a hurry to streamline our organization. Let us not compromise with the theory urgently advanced to supposedly modernize it and thus take away that soundness and that strength that have made it what it is today, a body of sincere men who are proud of membership therein. Where it has adhered to the ancient customs, usages and landmarks, even today in this great clamour for changes and new ideas, men are attracted to it because of those attributes which have been so instrumental in making it an ancient and honourable institution. The abolition or modification of one ancient custom sets a precedent which makes it easy to modify or abolish another, and if this practice is persisted in, in due time all of them will follow and the Order will become nothing but a social organization.

Men are seeking admission and enter its portals in ever increasing numbers, which indicates that Masonry with its

present foundations has an appeal to serious-thinking men. May we, therefore, be cautious in our zeal to follow other institutions who are attempting to adopt passing and temporary whims which have been untried or have not proven their operation to be successful.

DECISIONS

CALIFORNIA. Ritual Committee. 1946

The Grand Secretary received a resolution from one of the lodges with regard to the placing of the ballot box on the V.S.L., during balloting. This has caused open criticism of the custom on the part of many members of the Masonic fraternity. This lodge states that this custom is inconsistent with the principles and teachings of Masonry in that it detracts from the supreme position in Masonry in which the V.S.L., should be held, and requests that this question may be brought before Grand Lodge at its next regular communication in order that the necessary action be taken to instruct, or order or permit, subordinate lodges to place the ballot box during balloting in a position on the altar beside the V.S.L., and not resting upon it.

This resolution was referred to the Ritual Committee who did not approve of the suggested change, and had this to say:

The Holy Bible is sacred not because it is an assemblage of paper, cardboard and leather, but because of the divinely inspired thoughts that are recorded in it. It is the human thoughts associated with the book and arising from its words not the physical aspects of the book itself that entitles it to a position upon our altar.

No one has ever suggested the removal of the Square and Compass from the book on our altar because of the symbolism of those working tools to one skilled in our craft.

The hand upon the Bible during the obligation is proper because of the human ideas associated with the act.

The ballot box is not pieces of fashioned wood, balls and cubes but is the guardian keys to the doors of the temple. The full appreciation of its proper symbolism to the craft and an understanding that it is thus placed upon our Bible as a reminder to each voting member of his duties and responsibilities to our order to see that none but good men and true enter our doors, thus preserving the integrity of our institution, will remove from the mind of the Mason any suggestion of sacrilege in its placement.

We, therefore, recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

IDAHO. Grand Master. 1946

—8-20-46. To Rupert No. 65 to confer the Third degree of Freemasonry in an open Lodge, on or near Mt. Harrison, near Albion, Idaho, on August 30, 1946, with the work beginning at or near the hour of 3 o'clock P.M., provided the place where said work is to be done be such, and precautions taken, to prevent the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, adequate to preserve and keep inviolate the secrecy of the work.

IOWA. Grand Master. 1946

On June 14th, 1945, the Secretary of Sunset Lodge No. 604, wrote that a brother took his First Degree in their lodge on February 14th, becoming ill soon afterwards. Doctors reported that he cannot live more than three months and the Secretary states that the candidate is anxious to receive the remaining degrees but is bedfast and cannot come to the lodge hall. He asks: "How to proceed?" Can the degrees be given at home, or could he be made an honorary member?"

I replied, "This is a case where I wish I could help you out some way, but it seems that the Grand Master is without authority to do so. Under the Law (Sec. 207), I could grant permission to hold lodge in other places than your lodge hall, but conferring degrees would have to be in full form. As the brother is bedfast, it would impossible to confer upon him

the degrees in proper form. We cannot, in any way, confer honorary degrees or memberships.

INDIANA. Grand Master. 1946

Ellettsville Lodge No. 245 asked whether an Eastern Star flag could be displayed in the Lodge room during a meeting of the Lodge. I ruled that it must not be so displayed. Sec. 75

Harmony Lodge No. 11 asked whether a letter of objection to an elected candidate, received before the Entered Apprentice degree was conferred, should be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge. My answer was no. Such an objection, whether oral or written, is secret the same as the ballot. Sec. 106.

Gary Lodge No. 677 called attention to the fact that two or more Lodges often join in a meeting for degree work, each Lodge providing candidates and the officers of each occupying the stations, and asked whether, in such event, each Lodge should record the minutes of the meeting as its own minutes. I replied that when only one Lodge is opened, only one Lodge should record the minutes of the meeting. The other Lodge should be guest of the Lodge which is opened.

LOUISIANA. Grand Master. 1946

March 6, 1945, Ida 324. Question: Can an applicant with one of his feet in such shape that he has to wear a steel brace, receive the degrees?

I ruled that if the applicant met all other physical qualifications, that he was eligible to receive the degrees in Masonry.

August 13, 1945, W. H. Booth 380. Question: We received a petition of a profane for initiation. The committee was appointed and reported favorable. The ballot was spread resulting in election. When presenting himself for the degrees, we found that the first joint on his right thumb was missing.

I ruled that if he met all other physical qualifications and could qualify under resolution No. 3, page 125, of the 1944 Grand Lodge Proceedings that he was eligible to receive the degrees.

August 6, 1945, Fellowship 217. Question: We have a petition where the applicant had been rejected. Six months thereafter we took a new ballot on the old application.

I ruled that the second ballot was null and void and of no effect because a rejected petitioner must re-petition at the expiration of 6 months.

September 6, 1945, Marthaville 258. Question: We received the petition of a profane who served a sentence on a parish road gang 20 years ago for bootlegging and who is now living a clean and upright moral life.

I ruled that the petition from an applicant who had served a parish sentence for bootlegging 20 years ago was not barred from petitioning for the degrees of Masonry, however such a petition would warrant a thorough investigation by the lodge.

September 20, 1945, Hiram 70. Question: We have a petition from a profane who is using his stepfather's name and not his legal name.

I ruled that the petitioner should sign his application using his legal name rather than his stepfather's name since he had never legally had his name changed to that of his stepfather.

A dispensation was denied to Lake Charles 165 to elect and install officers at a special meeting; the nature of the request being that there would be a ball game in Lake Charles which would cut down their attendance

MAINE. Grand Master. 1945

One question deserves brief mention. More than once a report has come to me that some lodges charge their newly raised Master Masons dues. A lodge asked for an interpreta-

tion of the statement on this question as it appears in the Text Book.

In 1874, the Jurisprudence Committée, of which our world renowned brother and masonic scholar, Josiah Hayden Drummond was chairman, reported as follows: "When dues are a fixed sum per year payable on a given day each year—that—in such cases the whole sum or none is payable; and no member can properly be charged with dues for part of year." This report was approved by Grand Lodge. From this report it is clear that no lodge can properly charge a member dues for a shorter period than an entire year and that in no case should less than the full amount of the year's dues be charged.

NEBRASKA. Grand Master. 1945-1946

The secretary of a subordinate lodge stated that a man who was employed as cashier in a recreation parlor where beer was sold desired to petition for the degrees of Masonry, and he asked for an opinion as to whether or not the man was eligible for the degrees of Masonry.

I replied, "My opinion is that the man is not eligible for the degrees of Masonry."

Another secretary of a subordinate lodge stated that a man whose employment required that he serve beer to patrons expected to petition the lodge for the degrees of Masonry, and he asked for an opinion as to whether or not the man was eligible for the degrees of Masonry. I answered that the man was disqualified for the degrees of Masonry by reason of his employment.

One secretary requested a form for a certificate of life membership to his lodge, to which request I made the following answer: "Life memberships are prohibited in this jurisdiction. Section 67A provides, 'Hereafter life memberships shall not be issued by a subordinate lodge.' "

A brother stated that subordinate lodge planned to invite a team from a foreign jurisdiction to confer the Master

Mason's degree according to the ritual of the foreign jurisdiction which differed from our own. He asked for my opinion as to whether or not, under those circumstances, the team should be permitted to confer the Master Mason's degree.

I replied: "Our law as set forth in Section 131-A provides, 'Nothing outside of our esoteric work as authorized and our monitorial work as published by this Grand Lodge shall be given or be permitted to be given in the conferring of degrees, at funerals, or in any work of the lodge.' consequently, nothing but the Nebraska work should be permitted in the subordinate lodges."

A brother of Lotus Lodge No. 289 inquired whether or not lodge funds may be used for the United War Fund Drive.

I answered: "The position of our Grand Lodge in times past has been that the lodge funds should not be used for anything excepting strictly Masonic purposes. It is my opinion that your lodge funds should not be used for the United War Fund Drive." In this connection I added, "It is my idea that the individual who contributes to such a worthy cause is much better for having made the contribution direct.

A brother of York Lodge No. 56 inquired whether or not it is out of order for Masons to furnish money to organize a Service Club where beer will be sold, and whether or not it is out of order for Masons to belong to a Service Club where beer is sold.

I answered: "My opinion is that under our Masonic law as construed by former Grand Masters and as construed by our Grand Lodge, the answer is 'Yes, it is out of order.'"

A brother wrote that his daughter wishes to wear his Masonic pin and he asked permission for his daughter to wear his Masonic pin. I stated that our Grand Lodge Law is silent on the subject, but that Section 28-1220 of Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, provides that a daughter may wear the Masonic pin of her father, if the father is a member in good standing.

A secretary wrote that his lodge duly elected a petitioner, who is a captain in the army, but before the petitioner could receive the degrees he went overseas; that while in Savene, France, United States Army officers who were Masons got together and conferred the degrees upon him and they certified that they had conferred the degrees of Masonry upon the petitioner. The secretary stated that all the fees had been paid and asked for an opinion as to whether the certificate of the army officers to the effect that they had conferred the degrees could be recognized by the lodge and whether he should issue a receipt for dues inasmuch as the captain had paid them. I held that the degrees were not conferred by a recognized lodge and that he could not recognize this method of conferring the degrees, and that he should not issue a receipt for dues, and that when the captain returns, the degrees should be conferred in the regular way.

NEW MEXICO. Grand Master. 1946

Query: A Petitioner for the Degrees has had his cords clipped. Our doctor here advises he is not a eunuch. Please advise.

Decision: Your doctor is correct.

Comment: Before rendering the above decision the matter was discussed with an eminent medical authority. Also, see quotation from decisions of the Grand Master of West Virginia, page 294 of our 1945 Annual Proceedings: A petition for initiation may be entertained from a person otherwise eligible, who has been sterilized by the surgical operation known as vasectomy."

OHIO. Grand Master. 1946

COMMERCIAL TRADE MARKS UPON APRONS, AND
OTHER NON-MASONIC PRACTICES IN
LODGE MEETINGS

I have been asked during the year is a group of Masons employed at an industry and who had organized a Fellowcraft Club could not put their company's trade mark on the Apron, in order to identify the particular club. In substance this is

commercial advertising within the Lodge rooms. Some Brethren in posting the colors do not wear aprons. Other groups insist on wearing a head covering in attendance at Lodge and during the conferring of the degrees.

It is desirable that Brethren of a particular industry be permitted to confer a degree upon one of their co-workers. It is not desirable nor necessary that such groups be identified by particular markings upon the equipment. An announcement by the Master would accomplish the same result.

On July 1, 1946, I issued a ruling forbidding these practices. This ruling was made without reference to any particular organization.

Members of various groups or organizations are, on occasion, present at Lodge meetings for some particular purpose, and resort to practices that do not conform to Masonic custom and usage. This is true with reference to the posting of colors and wearing of regalia peculiar to certain organizations in attendance at Lodge or during the conferring of the degrees. Lodges will therefore observe the following:

The ruling is now submitted for your approval:

RULING

Attendance at Lodge meetings, whether in the Lodge or ante-rooms, always requires the wearing of an apron and with the head uncovered except the Worshipful Master.

The white apron is the badge of a Mason and is to bear no markings or name of organization or other designation unless they are emblems of insignia of symbolic Masonry.

In the conferring of the degrees, the uniform and head covering must conform to that of Lodges using robes and must not be distinctive of any group or organization.

RULINGS ON SECTION 58

Question: May we accept the petition and confer degrees on a person who helps in the bar of a private club, during rush periods, where liquor is sold, even though he is not paid for his services?

Answer: The Lodge may not confer the degrees upon a person so engaged even though he is not paid for his services.

Question: May we accept the petition and confer the degrees upon a person who is the manager of a private club where liquor is sold?

Answer: No.

Question: Should charges be preferred against Brethren of our Lodge who are managers of private clubs where intoxicants are sold but who do not work behind the bars?

Answer: As managers of private clubs they are responsible for and do supervise the bars. Hence they are "Engaged in the selling of intoxicating liquors, to be drunk upon the premises where sold." The Lodge should proceed in accordance with Section 58 of the Code.

Question: May we accept the petition and confer the degrees upon a person who owns one per cent of the stock in a recreation corporation, which has a bar where intoxicating liquors are sold? This person is the public relations man and bowling alley manager and does not work at the bar.

Answer: You may accept the petition.

SECTION 58 OF THE CODE

During the past year there have been brought to the attention of the Grand Master some instances of alleged violation of Section 58 of the Code, which is as follows:

"To engage in the selling of intoxicating liquors, to be drunk upon the premises where sold, shall subject a Brother so offending to charges and expulsion; it shall also be a disqualification for initiation or affiliation in any Masonic Lodge."

In each such instance a Lodge having jurisdiction was instructed to investigate the complaint, and if the circum-

stances proved to be such as to call for action to take action required by the Code.

Section 58 of the Code has been Masonic Law for more than sixty years and it undoubtedly was enacted for the purpose of emphasizing and making effective, under the conditions then prevailing, certain provisions in the Ancient Charges.

RHODE ISLAND. Grand Master. 1945

Early in August, 1944, our attention was called to the fact that some Lodges were initiating more than five Entered Apprentices in a day, by the device of holding more than one Communication on the same day. Our opinion was asked as to whether or not this was in accordance with correct Masonic Proceedure and whether or not it was a circumvention of Section 20 of the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

My information was that a Lodge had opened a Communication at 8:00 p.m., and after working five Entered Apprentices closed and immediately opened and initiated more candidates in the same degree. Another Lodge had worked in the afternoon and again in the evening, under permission of a previous Grand Master.

My investigation in the latter case, as explained to me by my predecessor, was that the Secretary of that Lodge had appealed to him for help, inasmuch as the Lodges had so many candidates that they could not get dates enough in the Temple if they were obliged to hold to only five Entered Apprentices in one day and that he, the Grand Master, had given temporary permission to hold two Communications. This would indicate the same understanding by this Secretary as that held by your Grand Master.

I find that the decision given below, which was made as of August 10, 1944, was in line with the rules of practically all Grand Lodges in the country and that while one or two might have issued dispensations to set it aside for a time, it is almost without exception the fundamental law of Masonry.

Decision: I have ruled that Section 20 of the Constitution is intended to mean that not more than five Entered Apprentices shall be initiated by any Lodge within a twenty-four hour period.

It is therefore ordered that this interpretation shall be observed, effective as of this date in all future initiations.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Grand Master. 1946

Question: Would it be proper for us to change our fee from \$30.00 to \$35.00 and also our By-laws to provide that the \$5.00 increase in fees will go to the Coach for coaching the candidate.

Answer: The Lodge may set its fees where it wills in keeping with the Constitutional provision. It certainly could pay the coach if it wanted to and he were willing to accept pay for such services, as our Grand Lodge has always allowed the subordinate Lodges much liberty in what they do with their money. However, it has always been the glory of Masonry that any Mason was ready at all times, consistent with reason, to coach another Brother without fee or reward.

Facts: A Mr.....applied for the degrees and was duly balloted on and elected to receive the Entered Apprentice degree. While he was being prepared it was discovered that he had a metal tube in his throat which he had worn for about eight years, the necessity for the tube having been caused by an accident and was necessary in order for him to breath freely. The Master ordered him held up and the case referred to the Grand Master. It was stated that the taking of the Master Mason degree should be considered in his case. I ruled as follows:

In the first place I take the position that the Grand Master has no authority to rule on physical qualifications. This, in my opinion, is a matter for the Master and the brethren of the Lodge. However, I offer you the following opinion and advice:

Art; 111, and Sec; 100, the only law as to physical qualifications in our Constitution and Code, permits physical imperfections if they are not of such a nature as to interfere with the learning and practicing of the principles of Masonry, and such as to make it impossible for the candidate to comply literally with the requirements for the initiation ceremonies. This Candidate, if my understanding is correct, might have difficulty complying with the ceremony of the Master Mason degree as it is conferred in some Lodges, but could very probably comply safely and with ease in other Lodges where the degree is conferred in quite a different manner. Certainly his condition is not of such a nature as would prevent him (mentally) learning and (physically) practicing the principles of Masonry. Then the only question it seems to me is whether he is physically in a condition to stand the treatment accorded Candidates in the Third degree. In my opinion he is, if the degree is conferred in the manner in which it should be.

WASHINGTON. Grand Master. 1946

December 5, 1945—I ruled that a member of the Secret Service who, by reason of his occupation does not have a settled abode, is not eligible to petition for degrees in Masonry.

May 15, 1946—A ballot being unfavourable to a candidate, a second ballot was ordered. The furnace of the Lodge going on a rampage, the Secretary left the Lodge room to attempt to repair the same. During his absence the second ballot was spread with unfavourable result.

Query: Was the second ballot illegal because of the absence of the Secretary?

I ruled that the second ballot was legal, even though the Secretary had technically violated Section 2008 of the Washington Masonic Code, it did not constitute sufficient grounds to annul the second ballot, particularly since it agreed with the first ballot.

WISCONSIN. Grand Master. 1946

A petition was received by a lodge from an applicant who was a stockholder in a corporation that operates hotels and cocktail lounges. The applicant did not hold the license in his name and was not personally engaged in the actual management, dispensing and sale of liquor or beer in these places. The license was applied for by and issued to the corporation. It appeared to me that this man's situation was too remotely removed from the sale of intoxicating liquors to bar him from membership on that ground. It was therefore my decision that this candidate was eligible to present his petition and that it can be received by the constituent lodge.

The applicant was a clerk in a Walgreen drug store. Occasionally he is required to wait on customers at the liquor counter, but less than 5% of his time is devoted to liquor sales under these conditions. The license is taken out in the name of the chain store corporation. My decision was that this man was entitled to place his petition in the lodge, and that the lodge could accept his petition.

Petition to a lodge by a party whose left arm is shorter than the right arm; the defect was not the result of an amputation. The candidate can use it almost as well as his right arm. Under Article XVI, Section 1. I ruled that this man was not eligible.

WYOMING. Grand Master. 1946

Question—A brother who took his Entered Apprentice Degree sometime since, who has lost a limb through infection, and has subsequently lost the toes, or rather some of them, on the other foot, and who through embarrassment, largely, as well as the fear of injury of his remaining foot, for the slightest injury seems to cause his trouble, hesitates to advance.

His son has returned from Service, and this Brother is anxious to complete his work and see his son take the Degrees; and in talking the situation over in Lodge the other evening

several plans were advanced, and it was suggested that the candidate might be admitted clothed so as to cause the least embarrassment, and that his work might be given with a minimum of audience, and possibly that a dispensation might be advisable in order to complete the work at one sitting.

The question is to what extent he can be clothed, and still conform to our requirements, and we would be pleased to have your opinion, for we are anxious to help the Brother out in every way possible, and deplore the circumstances surrounding his affliction.

Answer—Under Section 435 of our Wyoming Masonic Code, Paragraph (d) certain requirements are essential. This refers to the candidate's physical and mental condition at the time of his initiation and after taking his obligation the candidate is informed that he is a Mason. The Master and the Lodge are held strictly accountable for the observance of this law. In Section 396 the powers and duties of the Worshipful Master are defined and this allows of certain matters where his judgment is the ruling factor where the welfare of the lodge or a brother is affected.

In view of all the extenuating circumstances in this unnamed brother's case, I think the Worshipful Master of Acacia Lodge should use his prerogative and exercise it for the good of the Order, the Lodge and the brother affected. The clothing on the upper part of the body could be according to ritual and other clothing to suit the peculiar condition. A special or special meetings could be called to give this brother the F.C. and M.M. degrees as the Worshipful Master and brethren of Acacia No. 11 decide. If possible avoid the special dispensation as his mental condition, according to your letter, is not affected.

(Approved.)

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